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BURGOS CLAIMS RESUMPTION OF ADVANCE

Burgos, To-day.

After the occupation of Tordera and Fojas de Tordera, the Moorish troops in the South Catalan sector are only 82 kilometres from Gerona.

Latest reports indicate that they are now about ten kilometres south of Santa Coloma de Farnes. It is claimed that during the past few days, part of the Republican division commanded by General Modesto which had offered determined resistance, has been captured.

Owing to rain and fog, the Maestrazgo Army Corps could only resume operations at a relatively late hour yesterday, but succeeded in occupying Sanforas, and, in the afternoon, was reported to be four kilometres from Vich. The Nationalists pushing forward in the direction of Berga captured Gerenella in the valley of Llobregat. The vanguard in this sector is five kilometres from Berga. — Trans-Ocean.

PEACE AND QUIET IN SWATOW AREA

Swatow, To-day.

Swatow continues quiet, and in spite of rumours appearing in various outpost newspapers, there seems little likelihood of a Japanese landing in this vicinity.

Japanese military air activity is almost non-existent, the only Japanese planes seen in Swatow being a machine which flies over the city daily during the noon hour.

This is believed to be the mail plane from the Canton Delta to Formosa.

H.M.S. Daring left Swatow for Amoy on Tuesday, being relieved by H.M.S. Thanet. — Our Own Correspondent.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anti-cyclone covers China, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtse Valley.

The depression is moving into the Pacific to the north east of Hokkaido.

Local forecast:—N.E. and E.

To Be Built When Right Site Is Available

Announcement of Government's intention to provide a new City Hall when the right site has been found was made in Legislative Council this afternoon, when the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, moved the first reading of a Bill authorising the winding-up of the Government House and City Development Fund.

Likelihood of the sale of what remains of the old City Hall site was also indicated.

Mr. Alabaster said that the winding up of the Government House and City Development Fund was a matter of considerable interest to the general public in view of the circumstances in which that Fund was originally set up.

"The Fund was designed to finance a large, specific scheme of re-development of an area including the site of the former City Hall and the site of the Government House and Colonial Secretary's Office buildings. There was paid into the Fund the proceeds of the sale of a part of the City Hall site to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and it was also proposed in due course to pay into the Fund the proceeds of the sale of other land in this area as development proceeded on the basis of a detailed plan drawn up and referred to in the 1934 Ordinance.

It was the hope that the proceeds of these sales would be sufficient to pay for the rebuilding of Government House and Government offices and also for the provision of a new City Hall in replacement of that demolished.

SCHEME SUSPENDED

"The operation of this scheme was suspended for various reasons and when Sir Andrew Caldecott became Governor he indicated his opposition to the whole scheme because he disliked the idea of intensive development of the Government House and neighbouring sites, and was not convinced of the necessity of re-building Government House itself. The whole subject was, therefore, in abeyance when Your Excellency assumed the Government.

"When Your Excellency had considered the question your views were set out in a memorandum which, after discussion with the unofficial members of this Council, was published.

"You expressed the view that it was advisable to proceed with the building of a new Government House on the Magazine Gap site, while agreeing with Sir Andrew Caldecott in disliking the proposal for the intensive development of Government House and neighbouring sites. You made it clear, Sir, however, that you envisaged the ultimate building of a new City Hall either as part of a large public building including new central Government offices or in some other way.

NO LONGER PRACTICABLE

"It was shown in your memorandum and in the principal memorandum on the Public Works project (Continued on Page 28)

GUERRILLA EXPLOITS

Shanghai, To-day.

Guerilla activities are causing the Japanese military authorities increasing anxiety.

Yesterday, within two miles of the Settlement boundary, a Japanese military truck was held up, the soldiers aboard slain, and the truck set on fire.

A transport plane which made a forced descent near Nanking was set on fire. The incident occurred within nine miles of Nanking. — Our Own Correspondent.

VILLAGES TO BE RENAMED

MILAN, TO-DAY.

ITALIAN NAMES ARE TO BE GIVEN CERTAIN VILLAGES IN AOSTA PROVINCE, IT IS ANNOUNCED.

The world-famous spa, Courmayeur, is, for instance, to be called Cormaire.

Valtournanche, at the foot of the Matterhorn, is to be renamed Cervinia.

Reason given is that in the course of Franco-Italian polemics in recent weeks, the suggestion has been made that the spirit in these villages with French names is anti-Fascist. — Trans-Ocean.

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GERMANY STIRRED BY ROOSEVELT'S WARNING

ANOTHER CLASH ON MANCHURIA FRONTIER

Moscow, To-day.

A fresh incident on the Manchukuo-Soviet frontier is reported by Tass, the Russian news agency.

The report says that a Soviet frontier patrol of five men was suddenly fired on in the vicinity of Kailastuevskaya by a group of eighteen Manchurian soldiers with rifles and machine-guns.

The Manchurians were dislodged from their positions, suffering seven wounded, while the Soviet section commander was slightly wounded.

The Soviet charge d'affaires in Tokyo has been instructed to protest, alleging that cases of violation of the Soviet frontier by Manchurians are becoming more frequent and warning against possible consequences.—Reuter.

INQUEST ON CAPT. STEELE, FORMER A.D.C. IN HONG KONG

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A FORMER OFFICER OF THE DUBLIN FUSILIERS AND AIDE-DE-CAMP TO SIR CECIL CLEMENTI WHEN THE LATTER WAS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, WAS WORKING AS A BAGGAGE STEWARD ON BOARD A P. AND O. LINER.

This was revealed at the inquest at Paddington yesterday on Captain C. H. Steele, well-known in Hong Kong during Sir Cecil's Governorship.

Captain Steele was a baggage steward on the "Strathallan," on the England-Australia run, when seized by a fatal illness.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.—Reuter.

FOURTH AIRPORT FOR LONDON

London, To-day.

In view of the fact that future air traffic to London is certain to necessitate provision of a fourth land airport, in addition to Croydon, Heston and Fairlop, negotiations are in progress for the purchase of an area of sufficient size at Lullingstone, in Kent, which is about the same distance from the centre of London as Croydon.—British Wireless.

WARNING

Paris, To-day.

President Roosevelt's reported statements to the Senate military affairs committee, in which he announced full American support for the Democracies in the inevitable war with the totalitarian states, has had reactions both in France and Germany.

The statements have made a remarkably strong impression in the French capital, though they are not interpreted as implying that the United States would send troops to Europe in the event of conflict between the totalitarians and Britain and France.

The strength of President Roosevelt's statement is considered to go beyond the usual evidence of moral solidarity between the American and European democracies.

In Berlin, President Roosevelt's talk of supplying arms to the democracies is reported in indignant terms by the Nazi newspapers.

"America's frontiers on the Rhine" and "Incredible Provocation by Roosevelt" are among the headlines.

"UNOFFICIAL"

Official German circles ignore the report, regarding it as unofficial and not even confirmed.

German political circles are of opinion that if the American newspaper reports of the secret meeting are correct, President Roosevelt's remarks are "extremely strange."

They would indicate, the Nazis allege, "President Roosevelt's intention to sabotage Hitler's peace policy, and prevent Europe from attaining the real peace which it needs for its prosperity."

The Nazis add: "We cannot help thinking that something must be wrong in the United States, and that these warlike preparations are being announced so loudly for the purpose of hushing up disagreeable matters."

WITHOUT PARALLEL

The "Nachtausgabe" states that this action is without parallel since the Great War.

"It leaves no doubt," says the Nazi organ, "that President Roosevelt is a second Wilson and that the United States has finally broken away from the neutrality policy."

The "Lokal Anzeiger" says that President Roosevelt now reveals his hope that he will make France and Great Britain "the beadle of Jewish American war policy." —Reuter.

FRONTIER TO BE KEPT CLOSED

Paris, To-day.

The Communists' proposal to open the frontier and allow the passage of arms to Republican Spain, was rejected by the foreign affairs commission yesterday.—Reuter.

EARL BALDWIN NOT COMING TO FAR EAST

London, To-day.

Reuter learns that there is no foundation in reports that the former Premier, Earl Baldwin, might lead a British mission for Tokyo.

The reports followed a letter to "The Times" from Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, former Commander-in-Chief, China Station, that a mission to Tokyo would clear up misunderstandings between Britain and Japan.—Reuter.

DETECTIVE SHOT DEAD IN SHANGHAI

Chungking, To-day.

Keng Shou-pao, chief detective in the western district of the bogus Shanghai Police Bureau, was assassinated by unidentified gunmen near Chi Kang Li in the extra-settlement area yesterday morning, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

Keng was surrounded and fired upon by seven or eight men. His bodyguard fired back.

The puppet chief detective was hit by a bullet in the head and instantly killed. Seven pedestrians were wounded, one seriously, by stray bullets.

After the affray, Japanese troops threw a cordon around the area. A close search was conducted.

Handbills allegedly distributed by Chinese Youths' Anai-Traitors Corps were found.—Central News.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN AUDIENCE

London, To-day.

The King on his return from Sandringham yesterday granted an audience to Mr. Neville Chamberlain. This was the first audience the Prime Minister has had since before Christmas.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT DECLINES AN ANSWER

A Washington message provides a further insight into President Roosevelt's policy.

At yesterday's press conference, the President refused to answer a question as to whether American aircraft companies, authorised to sell warplanes to Britain and France, would also be permitted to sell to Italy and Germany.

PRINCE JUAN MAY BE OFFERED SPANISH THRONE

London, January 26.

Restoration of the monarchy and establishment of a Spanish Government on a regular basis, were expected by Spanish quarters here to-day following receipt of reports upon the fall of Barcelona, Republican stronghold.

These quarters asserted that the Nationalists' capture of Barcelona brought to an end a decisive phase of the conflict.

A Nationalist agent has already approached the French and British Governments and has emphasized that Generalissimo Franco intends to repatriate all foreign volunteers after his final victory, a reliable informant stated.

There is no question of having ex-King Alfonso re-ascend the throne, Spanish observers continued. Rather, his son Juan, former officer in the British Navy, will be asked to become sovereign of Spain.

It was pointed out that he would be "the best guarantee for the maintenance of Spanish integrity, which is indispensable for British and France."

Meanwhile, Senor Pablo de Azcarate, Republican Spanish Ambassador here, called at the Foreign Office to-day and assertedly declared that his Government intended to continue fighting in Catalonia despite the fall of Barcelona.—Havas.

MONGOL SUPPORT

Sian, To-day.

Prince Sha, chief of the Yenghe Jo League in Suiyuan, who has arrived here on his way to Chungking, was warmly welcomed at the Shensi Provincial Kuomintang Headquarters yesterday afternoon.

He is going to Chungking to pledge Mongol support to the National Government in resistance to Japan.—Central News.

Wu Pei-Fu Incensed At Japanese Inference

Peiping, To-day.

WHILE the Japanese press interprets the interview given by the old-time Anfu war lord, Marshal Wu Pei-fu, to foreign correspondents, as acceptance of the Japanese terms and presaging his certain emergence from retirement, the Marshal's close associates declare that he is incensed at this interpretation.

The Marshal has not accepted the Japanese terms, they state, and he even declared that he wanted the withdrawal of Japanese forces from some parts of China in order to leave him in real command of this area.

Otherwise, they say, he will not emerge from retirement.

Some circles declare that Marshal Wu Pei-fu has never uttered a word against the Chungking Government, but that he is anti-Communist.

It appears that no immediate success is likely of the Japanese efforts to secure peace through a popular movement headed by the veteran Marshal.—Reuter.

Arsenal Held At Home By Wolves

St. Mirren's Cup Success

London, To-day.

Several English League fixtures were played yesterday, Arsenal being held at home to a goalless draw by Wolves, while Everton won away, beating Portsmouth.

In the second round of the Scottish F. A. Cup, St. Mirren beat Edinburgh. This match was brought forward from Saturday.

Yesterday's results were as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	0	Wolves	0
Derby	4	Grimsby	1
Portsmouth	0	Everton	1

SECOND DIVISION

West Brom	1	Burnley	2
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THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Reading	0	Cardiff	0
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SCOTTISH CUP (2ND ROUND)

Edinburgh	1	St. Mirren	3
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—Reuter.

FUNERAL OF DR. BRANGWIN

Swatow, Jan. 30.

The remains of the late Dr. C. H. Brangwin were laid to rest this afternoon in the Foreign Cemetery at Kachioh.

Dr. Brangwin was one of the oldest residents of Swatow, and was well known to all the shipping fraternity of the China Coast.

The Consular Body were well represented, and a detachment of local police, and representatives from all vessels in port were also present.

Numerous wreaths from Foreign and Chinese friends covered the grave.—Our Own Correspondent.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT RECESSION

Shenandoah, Ohio.

When Herbert Hoover was president of the United States, Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers had a child. They let their doctor christen it for them.

He called it Herbert Hoover Depression Rogers.

Now the Rogers' have another child who has just been christened by the same doctor.

He has been named Franklin Delano Roosevelt Recession Rogers.—Reuter.

SOVIET CALLS AN END TO PARTY PURGES

Moscow, To-day.

The changes to be proposed at the 18th Congress of the Communist Party by Comrade Zhdanov, member of the Presidium, which include the abolition of party purges, are considered to mark the restoration of normalcy in Soviet internal affairs.

The changes are due to be ratified by the Congress on March 10.

Amendments include the granting to ordinary party members of the privilege of openly criticising the highest party officials.

DISTINCTIONS AT END

The secret Court of Judgments will be entirely outlawed and will be substituted by individual hearings at which members accused of violating party discipline may personally defend themselves.

The struggle against capitalist elements is declared to have ended and the distinctions between workers, intellectuals and peasants eliminated.—Reuter.

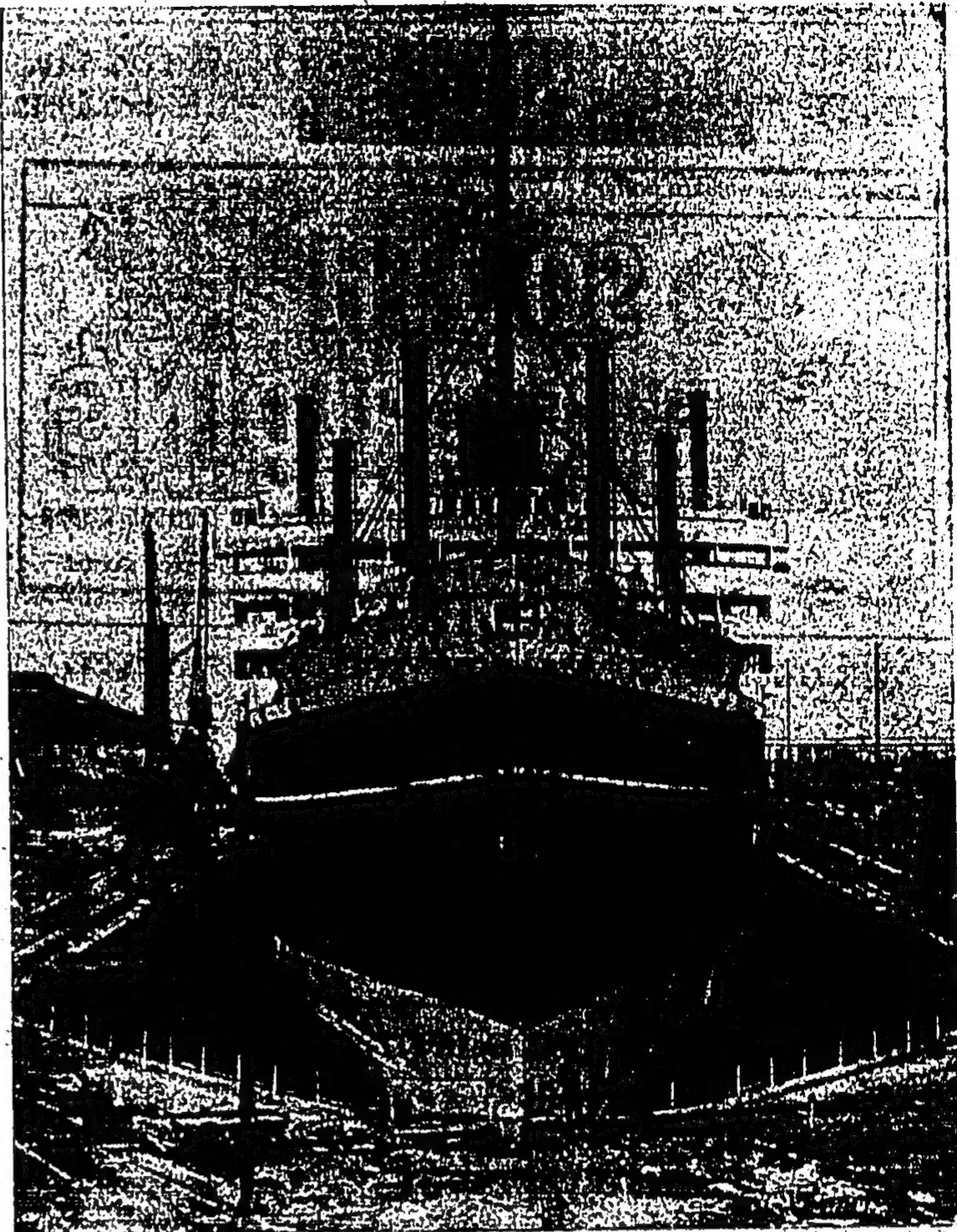
BRITISH SHIP SUNK IN ITALIAN AIR RAID

Valencia, To-day.

A British steamer, the name of which is given as Cardin, seriously damaged in a previous raid, sank in Valencia harbour yesterday after being hit by a bomb.

The raid was carried out by two squadrons of five Italian Savoia planes, which dropped 100 bombs on the port.

Twelve houses were destroyed and a number of casualties suffered.—Reuter.



LARGEST VESSEL EVER DOCKED ON THE TYNE. The largest luxury liner "Dominion Monarch" which has just entered dry-dock on the Tyne. She is accommodated in the only dry-dock large enough to receive her 27,000 tons, and is there to undergo a thorough examination and to have weeds, etc., removed from the bottom. After being painted, the "Dominion Monarch" will undergo trials.

PREMIER AND NEXT ELECTION

Mr. Chamberlain, in a message which appears in Home and Empire, appeals to the Conservative party to make ready for the coming General Election.

"While the Government continues to pursue, actively and constructively, its policy of pacification," he says, "we are inevitably approaching nearer and nearer to a General Election. I mention this with no kind of implication as on when the General Election may take place.

"My only object is to appeal to the party to put its house in order, so that it may be ready when the time comes to see that the organisation is tured up to fighting pitch, and generally to prepare for a contest in which victory for the National Government will be of vital importance to the stability and prosperity of our own country and the peace of the world."

The Prime Minister refers to his efforts to remove the possible causes of war, and by direct consultation and discussion to secure confidence and understanding between the nations. "If the past year brought its trials and anxieties," he adds, "I do not hesitate to say that these have been far outweighed by its gains."

BRITISH GRANT TO CHILE RELIEF FUND

London, To-day.

The Bank of London and South America has contributed 250,000 pesos to the British Relief Fund which had been established in Santi-

BRITAIN'S DEFENCE PACT WITH PORTUGAL

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in a Commons answer on the results of the British military mission to Portugal, said that the British Government and the Portuguese Government believed the military mission, whose work had now ended, had strengthened the friendship uniting the defence forces of the two countries.

The two Governments were in close and continuous contact on matters of common interest relating to defence, but disclosure of arrangements of this kind would not be in the public interest.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE NOT STRONG ENOUGH

Chungking, To-day.

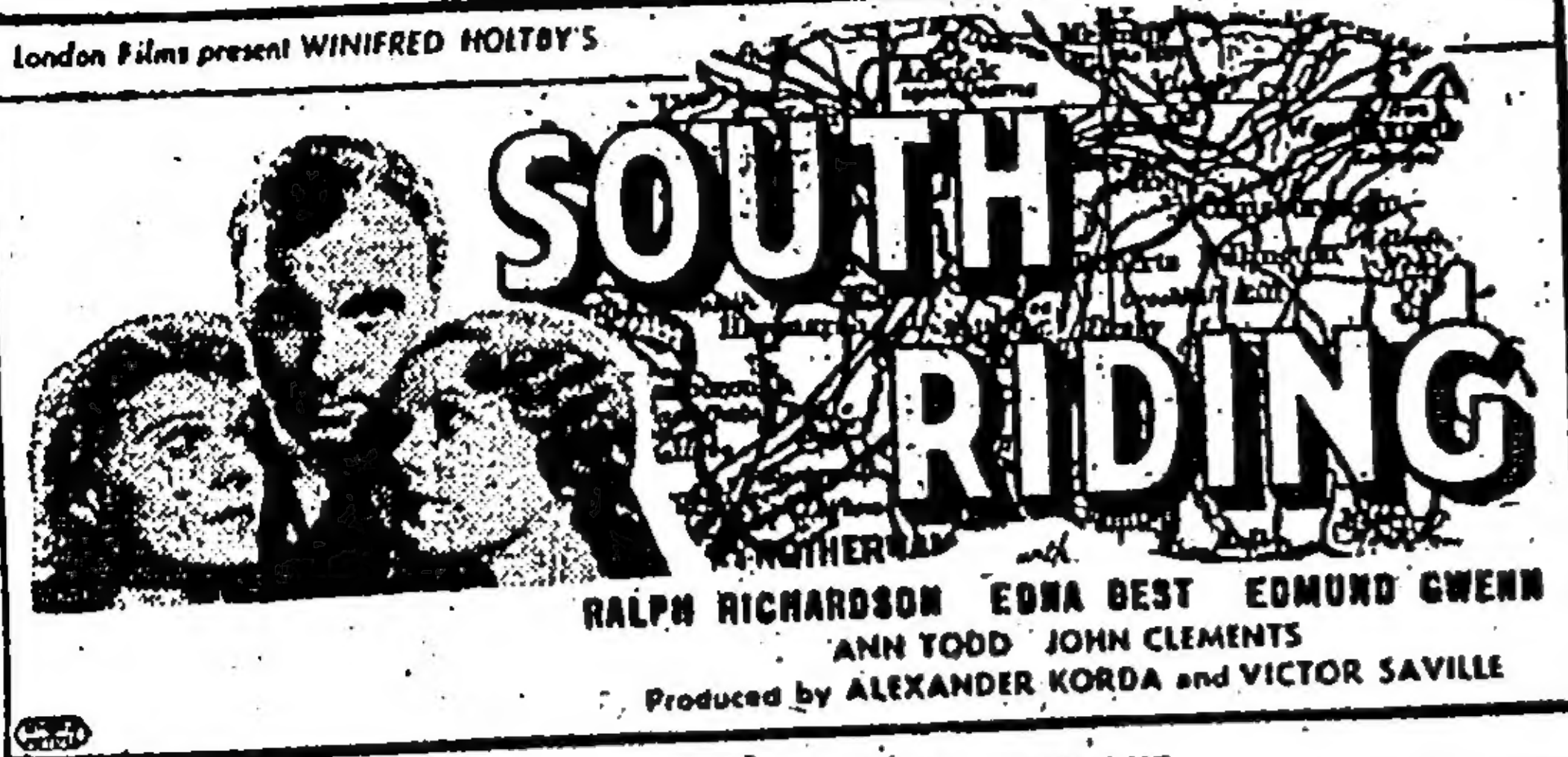
The Japanese forces in north-west, central and south China are not strong enough to launch a large-scale offensive in those areas, declared the Chinese military spokesman yesterday.

The Japanese, he said, would have to have further reinforcements if they wished to attack the Chinese positions.—Reuter.

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IN GERMAN**

London, To-day.

Regarding the reference by Herr
Hitler in his Reichstag speech on
Monday to the broadcasts in the
German language from Great Bri-
tain, it is stated in London that no
question of discontinuing the pre-
sent arrangements arises. — Bri-
tish Wireless.**KING LEOPOLD
CALLS COUNCIL
OF MINISTERS**

Brussels, To-day.

An extraordinary Council of
Ministers has been called by King
Leopold for this morning in the
Royal Palace.It is assumed that questions of
considerable importance will be
considered because the King pre-
sides over the Council only on ex-
ceptional occasions.The last council presided over
by the King took place two years
ago, when Belgium announced her
independence and neutrality.Parliamentary circles intimate
that the reason for the Council
may be the differences between the
Flemish and Walloon sections of
the population, dissension having
become pronounced over the ap-
pointment of Dr. Martens as a
member of the Flemish Academy.**WALLOON PROTEST**Walloon war veteran societies
protested against the appointment
and demonstrations took place in
the Brussels on Tuesday evening.The Premier, M. Spaak, has de-
clared that withdrawal of the ap-
pointment could not come into
question.In retaliation, Flemish members
of Parliament have taken up the
attack and Senators protested that
the Flemish language is accorded
insufficient attention in Brussels
schools.When the Minister of Education,
M. Dierck, attempted to answer in
French the Flemish senators yelled
in unison "Speak Flemish," the
tumult finally becoming so serious
that the meeting had to be adjourn-
ed twice.—Trans-Ocean.**HOLT'S WHARF
ROBBERY**Tsoi Kwong, 17, unemployed,
was this morning fined \$20 or 6
weeks at the Kowloon Magistracy
by Mr. E. Himsforth. He was
seen leaving the s.s. Eumaeus,
docked at Holt's Wharf, by a
watchman, in the company of three
other men not in custody. Accus-
ed was stopped and searched, but
his companions ran away. He had
15 pounds of White Lead in a
parcel fastened to his girdle.**KING CAROL'S
NEW CABINET
TAKES OATH**

Bucharest, To-day.

The new Rumanian Cabinet
took the oath of allegiance to
King Carol in the Royal Palace
last evening at 7.30.New additions to the Cabinet are
the former Liberal Finance Minis-
ter, Slavescu, as Minister of
Armaments, replacing General
Jacobitz, Professor Cornatzeau as
Minister of Agriculture replacing
Jonescu-Sigesti, Bujoiu as Minister
of Economics replacing Constan-
tinescu, Zigres as Minister of
Education.Commissar-General for Minority
questions, Silviu Dragomir has
been appointed Minister of State
for Minority Questions, and Trojan
Pop will hold the post of Minister
of State for National Resources.The Minister of Interior,
Calinescu has been appointed War
Minister and Vice-Premier while
retaining the Ministry of Interior.
He will thus become the strongest
man in the Government following
the King.—Trans-Ocean.**JAIL FOR
COAT THEFT**Kwok Fuk, 20, unemployed, was
charged with stealing a lady's
black overcoat, before Mr. R. A. D.
Forrest this morning. Another
man was charged with illegal
pawning.First defendant admitted the
theft, but second defendant denied
any connection with the matter.The pawnshop keeper, giving evi-
dence, said he recognized second
defendant as the man who pawned
the coat for six dollars.They were both sentenced to two
months' hard labour.**PICKPOCKET**A pickpocket, Chan Tung, 26,
was this morning charged at
Kowloon with stealing a purse from
Lo Sing, yesterday while the man
was buying a ticket at the Mongkok
Ferry.When chased, he threw the purse
away, and it was picked up by an-
other Chinese who had escaped
with it. Defendant was sentenced
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"SIXTY GLORIOUS YEARS" A SPECTACULAR SEQUEL TO "VICTORIA THE GREAT"

Filmgoers who saw the impressive Herbert Wilcox production of "Victoria the Great" will be delighted with its even more spectacular sequel "Sixty Glorious Years" which is to be screened in the Colony tomorrow. Unlike the earlier picture which was based on incidents in the domestic life of the beloved Queen and the Prince-Consort, the present film is more dramatic in scope and deals with the epochmaking events of the era itself. Although the pomp and circumstance, the glamour and pageantry of empire are shown, the picture is imbued with majestic impartiality, and the failures and blunders of the period are not obscured, but presented as they really are—object lessons for the present generation. The film, moreover, is probably the most dramatic picturisation ever made of an age which challenges comparison with any other in history, and moves with a sweep that suggests those other great triumphs of the cinema—the "Birth of a Nation" and the "Ten Commandments."

TECHNICOLOR

The excellence of the picture is greatly enhanced by the marvels of the Technicolor process, and the historical scenes are enfolded before the eyes with a vividness and realism which is truly amazing. The inevitable passage of time is ignored, and we seem as if actually transported back into that vanished era, and are participants in the events of the time. Like a vast kaleidoscopic drama, we behold such epochal incidents, as the inaugural ceremony of the great London Exposition of 1851, the Crimean War, with its dramatic charge of Balaclava, and the brave end of gallant "Chinese" Gordon at Khartoum. Something of the greatness of the Queen herself is conveyed in the scenes of palace life, and her relationship with her ministers and advisers. Her love of home, husband, and children are beautifully stressed, and one feels that she was indeed the embodiment of all the domestic virtues of English folk everywhere. Pathos, too, is expressed in her profound grief at the death of her beloved Prince-Consort, and at the passing of the Duke of Wellington. The highlights of the film, however, are perhaps the character portrayals of the great ministers of Victorian England—Palmerston, Disraeli, and Gladstone. These men are presented on the screen with a remarkable realism, and their splendid audacity in giving England her marvellous empire are recorded with rare dramatic appreciation.

THE PLAYERS

As for the players, Miss Anna Neagle in the role of Queen Victoria easily takes the highest honours and brings to the screen a character portrayal which is outstanding in

its dignity and understanding. Anton Walbrook as the Prince-Consort is equally noteworthy, and admirably presents a difficult role as the Prince who came to the country as a foreigner and fought a winning battle against the natural prejudices of the English people. The supporting roles are played by such personalities of the screen as C. Aubrey Smith as the Duke of Wellington, Derrick de Marney as Disraeli, Felix Aylmer as Palmerston, Charles Carson as Peel, Gordon McLeod as John Brown, and Pamela Standish as the Princess Royal. Another great role is ably handled by Laidman Browne who plays the part of "Chinese" Gordon. In short, this picture like the age it portrays is an epic. It is assuredly one to be placed on your "must see" list.

AIR SERVICES ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

London, To-day.

A question was asked in the Commons about the present position of the negotiations for establishment of air services across the North Atlantic by Imperial Airways and Pan-American Airways in co-operation.

Captain H. H. Balfour, Parliamentary Secretary to the Air Ministry, said the necessary permits for operation of a regular service by Imperial Airways and Pan-American Airways in co-operation between the United Kingdom and New York were issued in 1937 to each company by the Governments concerned.

Establishment in the United States of a new civil aeronautical authority had, however, made it necessary for Imperial Airways to apply for a new permit and such application had been made.

NO OBSTACLES

It was hoped that Imperial Airways would be ready to commence the scheduled seasonal service of an experimental character to the United States on June 1 next.

Asked if the American service was not ready to start now, Captain Balfour said the Ministry had heard a report that the American air line was ready to start.

It was hoped a start would be made simultaneously, but if one was ready before the other the British would not place any obstacle in the way.—British Wireless.

PHILIPPINES OIL PROSPECTING

Manila, To-day.

After years of negotiations, President Manuel Quezon has announced that the Philippine Government has rejected foreign oil companies' bids to exploit and develop oil in the Philippines.

It is understood that the Philippine Government will handle the project alone with the aid of foreign advisers.—Reuter.

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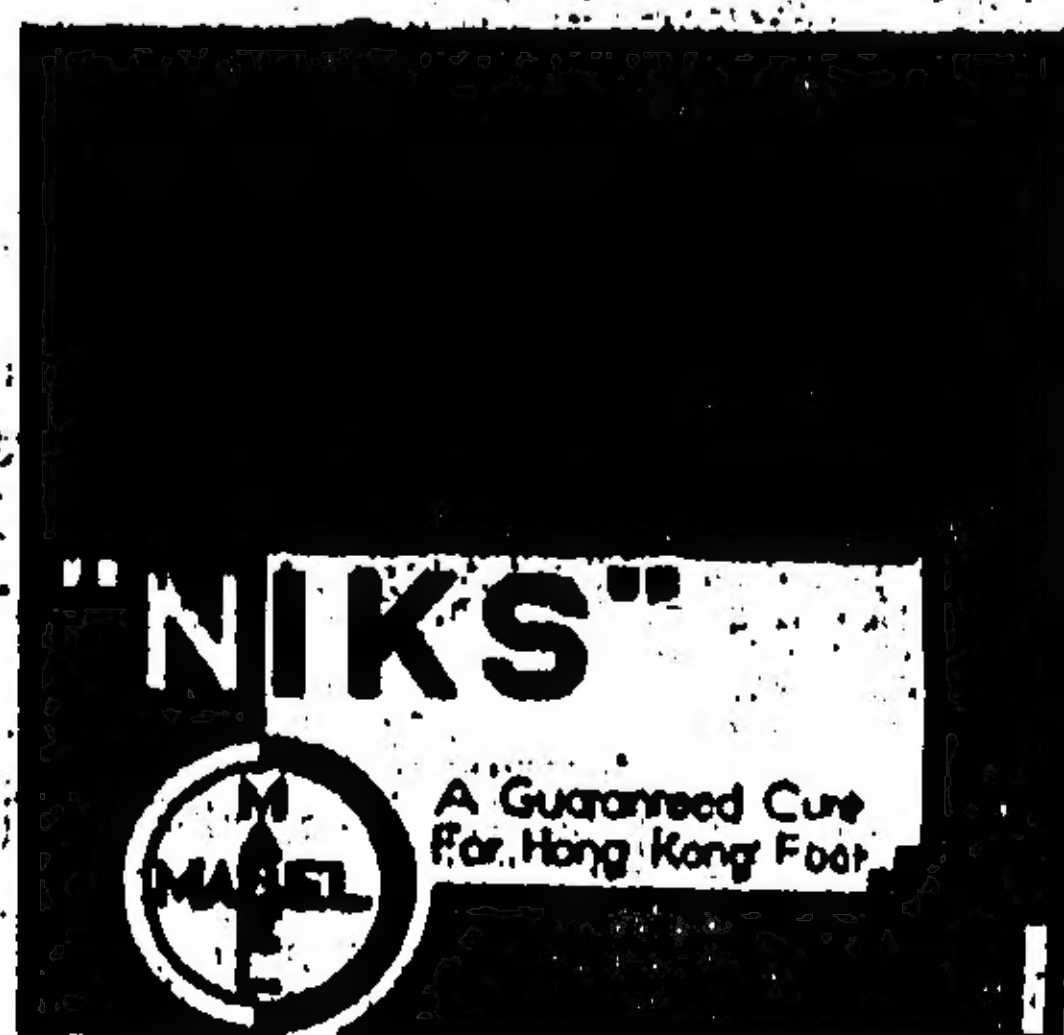
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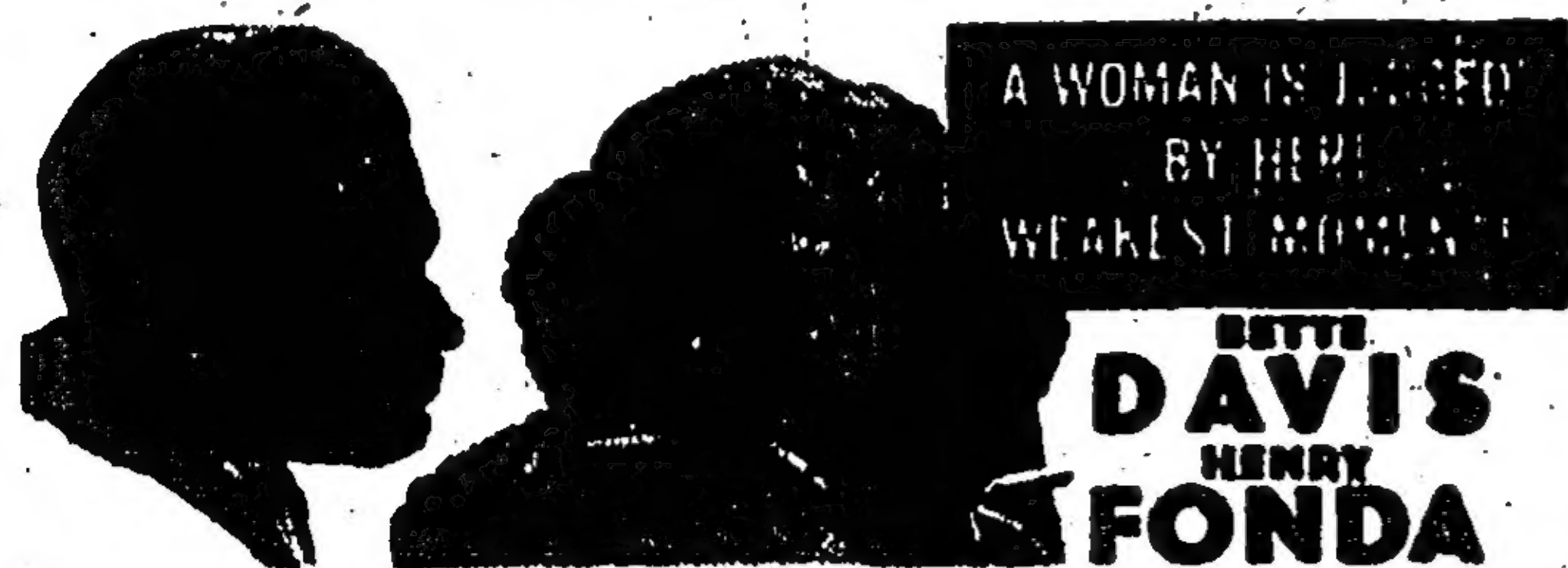


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FAR EASTERN CONFERENCE MAKES PRESENTATION TO MR. A. O. LANG

London, To-day.

Members of the Far Eastern Conference, which embraces all shipping lines trading to and from the Far East, yesterday made a presentation to Mr. Archibald Lang in appreciation of his services as Chairman of the Conference from 1927 to 1938.

Mr. Lang is Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the P. and O. and the B.I. steamship companies.

He was formerly a partner in China of Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co. and Gibb Livingston and Co., and a member of the Executive Councils of Hong Kong.

The presentation consisted of a sea piece in oils and a gold cigarette case.

Sir William Currie, Chairman

and Managing Director of the P. and O. and B.I., made a speech eulogising Mr. Lang's work.

The presentation was made by Sir Richard Holt, partner in Alfred Holt and Co. — Reuter.

NEW FRENCH MILITARY SERVICE LAW

Paris, To-day.

The new military service law unanimously passed by the French Chamber makes compulsory a full two-years' service. Sanction had been given only provisionally by the decree of March, 1937.

Another clause empowers the Minister for National Defence to gradually raise the age for calling up recruits to 21, and to release them earlier under certain conditions, as for instance, the eldest sons in families of at least five children.

Clause Five extends the provisions to Algiers and French colonies and protectorates.

Extension training is also to be intensified and the Government may require reservists to return to the Colours up to ten weeks in a year. — Trans-Ocean.

VISCOUNT GORT IN EGYPT

Cairo, To-day.

The Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, Viscount Gort, arrived here yesterday for a tour of inspection of British garrisons in Egypt.

During his stay, Viscount Gort will confer with the Egyptian General Staff.

The British military mission in Egypt now consists of upwards of 200 persons.

Political circles point out that its task is no longer confined, as originally intended, to training of the Egyptian army. It forms a regular link between the British and Egyptian General Staffs. — Trans-Ocean.

MASKED RAIDERS

Masked men broke into the hut of Li Tai, 52, married woman, residing at Sheung Wang Nei Au Village, Tai Po, at about 12.45 a.m. this morning.

She and her daughter were covered with a quilt. The party all covered their faces with white cloth. They escaped with money and jewellery to the value of \$41.

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Isolationists Up In Arms At Roosevelt Statements

Comment Believed To Foreshadow End Of Neutrality Act Embargoes

Hoover Attacks Roosevelt Policy

New York, To-day.

Revelations in the New York press concerning the foreign political statements made by President Roosevelt before the Military Affairs Committee of the Senate, were commented upon by former President Hoover in a nationwide broadcast from Chicago.

President Hoover severely criticized Roosevelt's foreign policy which, he declared, was bound to involve the United States in War.

Roosevelt's actions clearly indicated the drastic modification of American policy since the United States entry into the world war.

Common sense and experience showed that the application of force, threats, economic sanctions or war could neither repair injustice nor permanently enforce a dictated peace.

In view of the consequences which a foreign policy such as that now pursued by Roosevelt might have for the American nation, policy should be determined by Congress and not by the President alone.

"Shall we be judges in disputes which began long before our nation was born?"

Referring to Roosevelt's attacks on "aggressor nations" Mr. Hoover pointed out that a large part of the present territory of the United States had been gained by "aggression" and that the same applied to a large part of the territories of the French and British Empires.

He demanded that Congress be given occasion to discuss in every single case the course of American policy before any definite decision taken.

Roosevelt's announcement of determination to apply all measures short of war against aggressor nations was completely incompatible with declaration made by the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at Lima, and also with the traditional policy of America which forbade interference in the internal or foreign affairs of any other country.

To starve out a civilian population, was certainly not more moral than to kill them by bombs. Pursuance of such a policy would arouse the suspicions of the entire world against America.

Hoover concluded his broadcast with the question:

"Shall we be the policeman of the world?"—Trans-Ocean.

CLEAVAGE IN OUTLOOK

Washington, To-day.

Protests were made yesterday by the isolationist group in Congress against the secrecy with which President Roosevelt surrounded his conference with the Senate military affairs committee, at which he is reported to have made sensational statements of the American frontier being in Europe.

However, from other quarters there has been a more favourable reaction.

Senator Key Pittman declared: "To refuse permission to the Democracies to prepare to defend themselves would be to aid the threatening powers."

A statement typical of the isolationist point of view was issued by Senator Hiram Johnson, who contended that the American people had a right to know whether the sale of planes to France and Britain meant that the United States was on the road to war.

Senator Johnson added that to tell the committee of the Senate in secrecy what concerns not only the Senate but all the people, is to invite distortion and misapprehension.

NEUTRALITY ACT

It is widely predicted in Washington that President Roosevelt's remarks foreshadow abandonment of the embargoes on shipments of arms, ammunition and aeroplanes to belligerents when the Neutrality Act comes up for revision in May.

In this connection one commentator observed that in the event of another war America would become the "greatest source of supplies in world history."

"American mass production machines will produce aeroplanes, guns, tanks, food and clothing at a speed no-one else can match," he declared.

CASH AND CARRY

It is pointed out that Britain and France would be the chief beneficiaries of such a change in the Neutrality Law, because American insistence that purchases be made on a "cash and carry" basis, naturally favours the side with the largest navy and merchant fleet and the greatest gold reserve.

INCREDIBLY LUCKY

The "New York World-Telegram" says in an editorial: "What is happening is that France and Britain are paying us in gold for the privilege of strengthening one of the most important and most threatened outposts of our national defence."

"We are incredibly lucky to have made such a deal. In terms of national defence a plane delivered to England and France would be worth ten times that many delivered to the American air force six months from now."

"It should be apparent that the outermost bulwark of American

peace and security is not the Atlantic Ocean but Britain and France."

OUT OF STEP

The isolationists, Senator Clark and Senator Gerald Nye, demanded in the Senate yesterday that the military affairs committee's records of the investigation into French plane purchases be published.

Senator Nye said he would boycott future secret meetings of the committee which "are completely out of step with what should be the practice in a Democracy."—Reuter.

"WARMONGERING CAMPAIGN"

"The Berliner Nachtausgabe" writes that the United States have definitely abandoned the policy of neutrality. Washington has now become the centre of a warmongering campaign against the totalitarian countries.

"The 'Lokal Anzeiger' says that Washington and Moscow are 'tugging at the same rope.' President Roosevelt has so effectively disposed of the ridiculous fable that the so-called Democracies are threatened that henceforth nobody can take it seriously.

All papers allege that the President is largely influenced by the developments on the American home front but deplore that the President's statement should have been made immediately after Chancellor Hitler's speech, the favourable reception of which abroad had caused much satisfaction here.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE AND FRANCO

Paris, To-day.

The weekly paper, "Candide" states that the French Government will shortly appoint an "envoy extraordinary" to Burgos.

According to the paper, M. Daladier and M. Bonnet are convinced that this is the only means of safeguarding French interests in Nationalist Spain. The paper believes that the choice will fall on General Catroux, one of the collaborators of the late Marshal Lyautey in Morocco, and a personal friend of General Franco.—Trans-Ocean.

R.F.C. LOAN OFFER IN N.Y.

New York, To-day.

The Treasury will offer publicly on Monday next week \$300,000,000 in Reconstruction Finance Corporation notes.

The proceeds will presumably be used to repay the Corporation's debts to the Treasury.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIANS ASKED NOT TO COMMENT

Canberra, To-day.

All Australian Cabinet Ministers received a telegram yesterday from the Prime Minister, Mr. J. A. Lyons, asking them to refrain for the time being from making any public comment on Hitler's Reichstag address. Mr. Lyons said that although "parts of Hitler's speech were apt to arouse bitterness and criticism" the speech should be judged as a whole. The times required that persons in responsible positions should keep cool heads.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. BENES OFF TO AMERICA

London, To-day.

The former President of Czechoslovakia, Dr. Edward Benes, will sail to-day on board the American liner "Washington" for America, where he expects to remain five months.

Three months have been set aside for lectures on democratic institutions which the Ex-President will deliver at Chicago Universities.

It is stated that on his return to England, Dr. Benes will again take up residence at his house in Putney.—Trans-Ocean.

ROUND AFRICA FLIGHT

Addis Ababa, To-day.

The German sporting plane, Siebel FH 104, with Lieutenants Balthasar and Kaldrack and Sergeant Majer Anhaeuser aboard, arrived on their Round-Africa flight at Addis Ababa, where the flyers were received by the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Ethiopia. The flyers will continue to Johannesburg.—Trans-Ocean.

BADLY BITTEN

A 12-year-old boy, J. Marcado, was yesterday treated at the Kowloon Hospital, for injuries to arms and hands, after he had bitten by a dog owned by his mother at No. 48 Sai Yueng Choi Street.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

NO VOTE

"If you plan to vote the Democratic ticket," Rod said, "there's no point in either of us going to the polls."

"Why not?" Sally asked. Rod laughed lightly. "Why, because I'm a Republican. You know that. I'll vote the Republican ticket. That means there'd be no vote count from the family."

Sally laughed even more lightly. "That can easily be remedied," she said.

"How?" "It's simple. You vote Democratic. Then there'll be two votes from the family."

Rod was patient. After all, they had been married only three months. He didn't intend this to be their first quarrel.

"That's cute of you, darling. Don't think I decry your interest in politics. It's the right kind of public spirit. But, after all, I've been voting for years. It's a man's world. I mean, don't you feel my judgment in this matter should do for both of us?"

"No," said Sally. "By the way, who is running for Secretary of state on the Democratic ticket?"

Rod shrugged. "I don't know," he smiled. "That's the point?"

"Just this: I know that Longren is running for that office on the Republican ticket. I know all the candidates for all offices on both tickets. You don't. That certainly

loomed larger. Rod's mind ran riot. This might be the end, a bleak end to their golden dream of happiness. He would have done anything to prevent it. He would have even yielded himself, but to do so, he knew, would only make the destruction of the golden dream more complete.

On election day Rod went to the office with no word whatever about the election. In fact, Sally was not even present when he departed.

En route to the station he passed the voting polls, but did not go in. All day his heart was heavy with regret and remorse. He decided that he would not vote until evening, until he found out whether or not Sally had voted.

Sally was home when he arrived. He decided to put the matter to her frankly.

"I suppose you've been down to vote?"

"Yes. This afternoon." Rod's heart sank. This was the end. If she had only refused to vote! It would be an opening. He could also refuse. There would be an opportunity to patch up their quarrel. But apparently she didn't care.

His face was grim as he got his hat. It was still grim when he returned from the polls. During dinner they were overly polite and formal. They carefully avoided any

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

proves that my interest is greater than yours, and my vote more important. I think you should let me make the decision."

Rod tried to explain that a man of his position couldn't be expected to know all about all the candidates. He was too busy. And that's what parties were for, anyhow: to select the candidates that they, the party, thought were qualified. After all, if you couldn't put your faith in the party, you didn't have much loyalty. It was the party's job.

Sally was adamant. It was, she said, un-American, not to learn all you could about all candidates and form your own opinion. She talked for an hour. That is, she talked when Rod wasn't talking. At the end of that time both lost patience. They were pretty bitter.

Thus politics was the cause of the Rod Damiens' first quarrel. What an hour ago had appeared so trite in Rod's mind became an issue. And becoming an issue it put him on a spot. If, he told himself, he yielded now it would be a blow to his self-respect, to the dignity that, as head of the house, he felt he should maintain. Suddenly all the bright years ahead became deeply shadowed.

Election was a week away. There was still time to come to an understanding. Sally could still reconsider, could admit that in this particular instance he was right and she wrong. If, Rod thought unhappily, she would only yield now he could make it up to her in so many ways later on. It wasn't that he wanted to rob her of her rights, that he wanted to be master, that he wanted to suppress her. On the contrary, there was nothing more that he wanted than to be considered fair.

Five days passed and Sally gave no indication that she intended admitting defeat. The barrier between them

mention of the election. They spent the evening facing each other across the room, the radio between them. Between election return results, Rod buried his nose in his newspaper, Sally read her book.

By midnight the outcome was definite. The Republicans had gone in on a landslide.

"Well," said Sally, "it appears you were right." She smiled thinly. "I suppose I should have known. Anyway, I'm glad now I took your advice and voted Republican."

Rod stared. "You voted Republican?" He leaped to his feet when she nodded. "I'll be damned! We're certainly a couple of idiots. I voted Democratic!"

They looked at each other. The strain of the past week, which each had tried so successfully to conceal, coupled with the significance of what the other had done, was all too clear in their expression. Sally's laughter rang out first and was quickly drowned by Rod's loud guffaws.

"So it's still no vote!" Sally cried happily.

"And no quarrel either," Rod replied.

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The China Mail

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PALESTINE CONFERENCE

EXPECTED TO OPEN ON TUESDAY: SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS

London, To-day.

It is understood in authoritative quarters that the Palestine talks will be formally opened by the Prime Minister on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain will address each delegation separately receiving a formal reply from each leader.

The delegations will not occupy the room at the same time.

IT ALL JUST HAPPENED TO HAPPEN

Shanghai, To-day.

Regarding the incident of the British vessel, St. Vincent de Paul, as well as two Norwegian vessels which were detained at Tsingtao, as a result of which the British vessel was released on the intervention of the British cruiser, H.M.S. Birmingham, the Japanese naval authorities state that the British vessel had been hailed by a customs-cruiser at the mouth of the river but went on without stopping until outside territorial waters.

The spokesman considered the seizure outside territorial water justified in view of the fact that the customs-cruiser was in "hot pursuit" of the British vessel.

The Japanese naval spokesman added that the Japanese navy had not taken direct part. Japanese warships were always in the vicinity and indirect assistance was rendered through their presence. He denied the assertion of the British Captain that the vessel was escorted to Tsingtao by Japanese destroyers, stating that Japanese warships happened to be in that vicinity and happened to proceed to Tsingtao at the same time, entering Tsingtao harbour after a short interval.—Trans-Ocean.

RELIEF FELT IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The relief felt in France after Hitler's speech on Monday has been further strengthened by the pronouncements of Mr. Chamberlain.

There is a general inclination to stress the significance of the Prime Minister's assurances relating to the Anglo-French Entente.

The "Petit Parisien" regards this as the salient point of Mr. Chamberlain's statement and much the same view is taken by "Figaro" and "Le Matin."

"L'Oeuvre" puts a slightly different interpretation on the statement, contending that the whole idea is to increase British power to the greatest possible extent and then to negotiate on basis of this

The actual talks are not expected to begin until two or three days later.

Yesterday's Palestine talks were again related to procedure.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Colonies Secretary, in the afternoon interviewed a number of Jewish representatives, and saw representatives of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq in the evening.

THREE LANGUAGES

As a result of discussion of the language question it is anticipated that all speeches will be required to be delivered in three languages, English, Arabic and probably French.

No discussion on Palestine itself will take place until the talks are officially opened next week.

The visiting delegations have been inundated with social invitations, many of which it is physically impossible to accept.

JEWISH AGENCY

Mr. Macdonald received members of the Jewish Agency who will participate in the talks. They are Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Mr. David Ben-gurion, Professor Selig Brodetsky and Mr. Arthur Lourie.

The first discussion with the Jewish delegates from Palestine took place yesterday, as the delegates did not arrive in England till late on Tuesday.

It is expected that Mr. Macdonald and Mr. R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) will be present at most of the meetings, and Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax (the Foreign Secretary) at some.—Reuter.

DEFENCE PARTY

Cairo, To-day.

The Arab Defence Party's representation at the Palestine Conference will be known as the Palestinian Defence Party, the delegation consisting of three members, an adviser and a secretary.

It is probable that Nashashibi will lead the delegation which will attend officially all discussions and meetings.

A settlement is reported to have been reached between the British Government and Nashashibi regarding the Arab Defence Party's representation.—Reuter.

power.

"Le Jour" sums up by saying that French diplomatic and political circles are alike convinced that the international situation has undergone a marked improvement.

Much now depends, it adds, on the speech which the Duce will make on Saturday next.—Trans-Ocean.

HITCH IN JEWISH LOAN TALKS

Berlin, To-day.

Mr. George Rublee, head of the London refugee committee, who has been negotiating with the German authorities concerning Jewish immigration, has once again postponed his departure for London.

A hitch occurred at what should have been the final conversation with the German Minister of Interior, Dr. Frick, regarding the Jewish emigration loan.—Reuter.

TREASURY SEEKS AUTHORITY

London, To-day.

In the Commons yesterday afternoon the Chancellor of the Exchequer introduced two measures which were read a first time—a Bill enabling effect to be given to the recent agreements signed in London for financial assistance to Czechoslovakia, and a Bill Amending the law in respect of the fiduciary issue in accordance with the terms of the recent Treasury announcement.—British Wireless.

Yeung Wan, master of a grocery shop at No. 142 Prince Edward Road, has reported during Monday night, his shop was broken into and goods to the value of \$170.40 stolen.

PALESTINE HOME FOR JEWISH CHILDREN?

London, To-day.

Mr. Vyvyan Adams (Conservative, West Leeds) at question time in the House of Commons yesterday reopened the question of the Colonies Secretary's refusal to allow 10,000 German Jewish children to enter Palestine.

Mr. Adams suggested that the number of Jews to be admitted to Palestine later might be correspondingly reduced.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald replied that he could not anticipate the result of the discussions at the forthcoming London talks on Palestine, at which the whole question of future immigration was one of the most important subjects.

The Government would keep the possibility in mind of bringing the question of admission of these children to Palestine on humanitarian grounds as suggested in a supplementary question.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR OF CYPRUS

London, To-day.

Mr. W. D. Battershill, Chief Secretary to the Government of Palestine, has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Cyprus, in succession to Sir Richmond Palmer, who is retiring.—Reuter.

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TOLL OF ROAD

Figures recently released by the Traffic Department concerning road accidents in Hong Kong showed two things, that the accident rate is increasing alarming and that motor drivers are primarily responsible. In 1938, 115 persons were killed on the roads of the Colony and 1,647 were injured, both totals representing local records, in spite of various attempts by the authorities to secure a greater measure of safety.

Interesting in this connection is a report just issued by the Chief Constable of Oldham, in which he makes a strong point against the widening of roads and rounding off of corner, contending that they have precisely the opposite effect to that intended, and do not make for safety. On the contrary, the Chief Constable says, "anything which approaches in construction the appearance of a race-track should be most carefully reconsidered." He adds that this kind of road needs more attention from the police than any other. The plain inference is that speed is the danger. The same lesson is taught by the statement issued by the Chief Constable of Lancashire on the time-lag between the apprehension of danger and the full operation of the brakes. At 30 miles an hour this is sufficient to allow the car to travel 75 feet, at 50 miles per hour 170 feet. The danger increases with the speed.

That it is speed which makes the motor-car deadly should be clear enough, but we have many who are blind because they will not see. An experiment recently made in the United States may help to clear the vision.

In the city of Providence, Rhode Island, the police, having reached the conclusion that high speed was responsible for 85 per cent of the accidents, tried the effect of a strictly enforced speed limit of 25 miles an hour. The result was a reduction in the number of accidents, during the period of experiment, from 679

to 267, and there were no deaths. It is clear that we could save many lives every year by the simple process of slowing down.

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Hitler Hesitates

Herr Hitler's speech to the Reichstag has had the effect of relieving tension, despite the fact that it answered none of the questions about Germany's future policy in Europe. The reason, of course, is that Herr Hitler left both the front and back doors wide open. It was a neatly designed speech, sufficiently forceful to be regarded, in certain circumstances as advance warning, and at the same time creating the impression that his statement that a long period of peace is in front of Europe will be borne out if it depends upon the Fuehrer himself. It was, in fact, just the sort of speech that could be expected from a Dictator content with things as they are, for the time being, and ready to call a halt to further adventuring.

Even the announcement that Germany would support Italy in the event of an armed conflict was couched in terms requiring interpretation, and certain, therefore, to be regarded by Il Duce as discouragingly equivocal.

With President Roosevelt's remarkable discussion with members of the Military Affairs Commission of the Senate thrown in, the European situation looks brighter than it has done for months past.

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University Education

As a rule it is only those who have never had a university education who have the courage to question its value. It is therefore good to see that recently this question has also been discussed by two of our most eminent educationists, both of whom have had much experience of their subject. Lord Macmillan laid down the principle that "universities should be open to all, but that it would not be wise for all to enter them." Mr. Will Spens, speaking in London, said that although the life of a university might confer certain benefits on anyone who entered it the time and cost could only be justified in the case of those who were of more than average intelligence and who had the character and will-power to make the best use of their gifts. Of those, again, only a small proportion could profit by the kind of general education typified by the school of Literae Humaniores at Oxford. The idea that the study of any difficult subject, by providing "mental gymnastics," was adequate training for all professions was, he said, no longer widely held. Mr. Spens believed that it would be better if all but first-class minds were put to studying subjects which were at least closely related to their future careers. It is possible that only in this way can we produce men best fitted for life in a modern society; but there are also difficulties. Plato, who agreed that "philosophic training" is wasted on all but a few (the rulers of his ideal republic), would have objected that only experiment over a number of years can show which are the chosen few. And in practice how many undergraduates, on entering university, know what they intend to do in after life or, indeed, are sufficiently developed to say?

Republicans Steadying Franco Forces Encounter Stiffening Resistance

KING AND QUEEN RETURN TO LONDON

London, To-day.

The King and Queen, accompanied by Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, returned to Buckingham Palace from Sandringham yesterday.

The King and Queen motored first to Newmarket, where they inspected racehorses owned by the King, later joining at Cambridge the train in which Queen Mary and the Princesses were travelling to King's Cross.

The country through which Their Majesties passed by car is adjacent to the area in East Anglia which has been affected by the floods but the situation is reported to be improving.

Shortly after arriving at Buckingham Palace the King gave an audience to the Prime Minister.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE PLANE DESTROYED

Chungking, To-day.

A Japanese plane was shot down and then destroyed by guerillas in the outskirts of Kating, scene of bloody combats in the autumn of 1937 northwest of Shanghai, a Shanghai report reveals.

The machine was passing over Kating when it was fired on by Chinese mobile fighters. It crashed outside the town and was later discovered by the Chinese who set fire to it.

The Japanese airmen escaped.—Central News.

UKRAINE NO THREAT TO PEACE

London, To-day.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in a Commons answer that the Foreign Secretary was not aware of any abnormal developments in either the Polish or Soviet Ukraine such as might indicate that the peace of Europe was threatened in those quarters.—British Wireless.

NEW MINISTERS NOT PRESENT

London, To-day.

The ordinary weekly meeting of the Cabinet yesterday morning was attended by all members but Lord Chatfield, the new Defence Co-ordination Minister, who is on his way back from India, and the new Minister for Agriculture, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, who has not yet been sworn of the Privy Council.—British Wireless.

GUERRILLAS ACTIVE NEAR SHANGHAI

Chungking, To-day.

A Shanghai message states that guerillas are in complete control of the Pelsinching-Paiyckong area, west of Shanghai.—Central News.

Methodical Destruction Of Communications

Perpignan, To-day.

Conflicting reports continue to come out of Spain concerning the progress of the Franco offensive in Catalonia.

The Nationalists claim that the loyalist forces are now penned in a triangle with Vich as the apex and are in danger of being compelled to surrender intact within a week or so.

The Government, on the other hand, says that it still has 300,000 troops under its command and that resistance will be continued. Bad weather conditions, plus a rapidly increasing stiffening of the Republican resistance, has slowed down the Franco offensive.

Moorish cavalry have reached a point along the coast forty miles north of Barcelona.

SPAIN REPORTS

In the Granollers sector, the provincial town of Celoni was taken while in the coastal region Moorish troops took possession of Calella Pineda and Malgrat.

The small town of Collespina, eleven kilometres south of Vich, has also fallen into the hands of the Nationalist troops.

Real obstacle to the advance is the methodical way in which the retreating Republicans are destroying roads and bridges.—Trans-Ocean.

Gerona, To-day.

On the Catalan front, says a war bulletin issued by the Republican War Ministry, the Republicans are opposing the advance of the Italian divisions and their Spanish mercenaries in the sectors of Collespina, San Quirino de Safaja,

SHARP FIGHTING NEAR SAMSHUI

Macao, To-day.

Sharp fighting between Chinese and Japanese forces occurred yesterday near Mafong, west of Samsui.

Japanese troops, in motor-launches manned by machine-gunners, proceeded from Samsui upriver and landed near Mafong, where they clashed with a party of Chinese soldiers.

The Chinese troops were two hours later reinforced, and fighting continued until late in the afternoon when the Japanese withdrew.

Over 50 Japanese troops were killed and many wounded.—Our Own Correspondent.

San Feliu de Colines and Arenys. "The enemy has succeeded, with the aid of German and Italian aircraft, in slightly improving his lines.—Trans-Ocean.

TORDERA OCCUPIED

Burgos, To-day.

The Nationalist forces continued their advance north from Barcelona yesterday and occupied Tordera.

Bad weather delayed operations in other sectors.—Reuter.

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France To Seek International Aid In Refugee Problem

FRANCO URGED TO GIVE ASSURANCE

Paris, To-day.

An appeal to other interested Powers, particularly England, to assist in the international regulation of the Spanish refugee problem, will be made by the French Minister of Interior, M. Albert Sarraut, when he returns from the frontier district.

Concern in France over the refugee problem is growing as thousands of homeless and penniless Spaniards crowd the frontier towns and tax French welfare organisations.

The department of the Ministry of Interior that has dealt with the Spanish refugee problem points out that France should not be called upon to bear the entire burden of caring for those who seek refuge beyond the Spanish border.

In view of the fact that the Republican Government is no longer in a position to exert influence on the population of North Catalonia, M. Sarraut has considered the advisability of approaching the Franco Government with a request that it issues an appeal to the people of the territory and urges them to remain in their villages.

FRANCO'S POWER

It is believed that a reassuring message from General Franco would cause the population to lose their terror, and bring the exodus to an end.

More difficult to solve is the problem created by hundreds of Republican soldiers who have sought refuge on French soil.

It is scarcely likely that any assurances from General Franco would lessen the fear in these circles of reprisals and the entire problem will have to be solved in a manner which excludes their return in the near future to Spain.

Provisional steps were taken yesterday for preparing concentration camps in Argeles Sur Mer until a better solution is found.

M. Sarraut is expected to return this morning.—Trans-Ocean.

SIGNOR GAYDA PRAISES MR. CHAMBERLAIN

Rome, To-day.

Under the caption "Good Will," the Director of the Giornale D'Italia, Senator Virgilio Gayda, comments favourably on Mr. Chamberlain's speech, declaring that Mr. Chamberlain acknowledged, in a loyal manner, the fact that German and Italian policy is not concerned with aggressive aims or inciting disorder in Europe.

Regarding Franco-Italian relations, Gayda states that M. Bonnet is apparently afflicted with forgetfulness regarding France's pronounced anti-Italian position during the Abyssinian war, and declared that the relations would not improve until France balanced the accounts in honourable manner.

Important for European peace was Mr. Chamberlain's emphasis on Italy's lack of territorial aspirations in Spain.

"Spain for the Spaniards" has always been the slogan of Italian policy, stated the writer, and will remain so.

POLICY OF GOODWILL

"Mr. Chamberlain's straightforward and conciliatory remarks constitute a new means for furthering the policy of good will so badly needed by Europe for defending her peace and social order."

The Catholic Fascist organ, "Avvenire" writes that following the speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler, one may hope for continuation of the Munich-Rome course in dealing with Mediterranean and African problems.—Trans-Ocean.

INSURANCE CLAIM HEARING

The Cheong Shing-hong claim for \$30,906.23 against the China Underwriters, Limited, continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl Gregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

This morning Mr. Wong Yuntong, manager of the Cheong Shing-hong and director of the

PAKHOI AGAIN SHELLED

Macao, To-day.

Pakhoi was severely shelled yesterday morning by several Japanese gunboats, who steamed close in shore.

Shells, it is learned, fell along the waterfront, the junk-folk suffering most.

Some buildings on the outskirts are still blazing, according to messages received here this morning.

Covered by the shelling, the Japanese made a trial attempt to land bluejackets in pinnaces, but Chinese machine-gunners caused them to turn back.—Our Own Correspondent.

Bank of East Asia, was cross-examined by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior.

The case is continuing this afternoon.



Fourteen year-old Daphne Walker, after all the glamour and excitement of the skating championships at Wembley, in which she was placed third, has returned to school at West Dulwich. Daphne is just an ordinary, likeable schoolgirl, and thinks little of the glamour of ice skating. In fact she regards it as hard work and is already thinking of the World's championships at Prague in February. Photo shows Daphne Walker (right) at her desk. Experts say she will be world champion one day.

JAPAN AND NINE-POWER TREATY

London, To-day.

No official intimation has been received from the Japanese Government of its desire to modify the Nine-Power Treaty, said the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.—Reuter.

RACIAL CLASH IN POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.

A clash between Polish police and Ukrainians in East Galicia is reported.

A police patrol was fired upon from ambush in the town of Brzezany, which is inhabited exclusively by Ukrainians. According to the official report, the police returned fire on a considerable crowd, killing one and wounding several.—Trans-Ocean.

GREEK DEBT SERVICE

London, To-day.

Questioned on the service of Greek bonds, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the Commons he regretted there had been no change in the position but the Government had recently taken the opportunity to remind the Greek Government of the importance which they attached to settlement of the debt question.—British Wireless.

Miss Alice Kwok, of the Y.W.C.A., Bonham Road, has reported that water pipes to the value of \$30, were stolen from the building yesterday.

BOY PINNED AGAINST BANK BY MOTOR LORRY

An accident which occurred in Boundary Street yesterday, had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning, when Wong Pun, 23, driver of a motor lorry, was fined \$60 for driving without due care and caution.

A 13-year-old Chinese boy's leg was broken in two places as a result of the accident.

Sub-Inspector Scrim, stated that defendant was driving from Sham Shui Po to Kowloon City, by way of Boundary Street, when, while trying to overtake a tricycle, he heard people shouting to him to stop. He stopped and found the lad pinned between the side of his lorry and the bank. His left leg was broken below the ankle and above the knee.

INDIAN SENT TO THE HOUSE OF DETENTION

Ram Singh, 35, unemployed, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with entering the Colony without a valid passport and with being a vagrant.

Det. Sergt. Loughlin said defendant arrived on January 24 from Manila. His passport expired in March, 1937.

Defendant said he was expecting some money from a friend in Manila next Thursday, and would then leave the Colony.

An expulsion order was made against him and he was sent to the House of Detention.

Mr. H. C. J. Asche, of St. Stephens' School, Wong Ma Kok Road, has reported the theft from the school of an electric motor valued at \$20.

News Snack Bar

"SCHOOLS" FOR PANEL DOCTORS

More than 1,100 panel doctors "went back to school" during 1938. By taking a fortnight's "refresher course" at sixteen different medical centres in all parts of the country, they learned at first hand of the latest advances in medicine.

During the coming year more than 1,500 doctors will attend such courses.



Traffic was held up at the London Pavilion corner to allow Comet to cross the road.

CABBY "IRON GUSTAV" DEAD

Iron Gustav, famous Berlin cabby who ten years ago drove his cab from Berlin to Paris and back, has died, aged eighty. His epic journey with his horse, Erasmus, created a sensation at the time, and on his arrival in Paris he was mobbed by excited crowds.

His real name was Gustav Hartmann. Erasmus is still alive and helps a milkman.

Of these 600 will spend a fortnight at the British Post-Graduate School at Hammersmith, London.

The other English centres are Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Oxford, and Sheffield.

Some 250 Scottish panel doctors will attend similar courses at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen, and 100 Welsh panel doctors at Cardiff.

Doctors are not eligible for such courses until they have been qualified for five years.

The old "family" doctor, thirty years away from his university and so thirty years out of date, is becoming a thing of the past. But only slowly, for there are 61,109 doctors registered in the United Kingdom.

BLACK MONTH ON THE ROADS

Worst road accident figures for any month this year have been disclosed by the returns for November of the leading industrial assurance offices. Over 500 members of wage-earning classes (compared with a monthly average of about 400) met their death as the result of fatal traffic accidents during the month. Victims' families received £15,800 under assurance policies.

BREAD—MUST BE DELIVERED

Practically everyone nowadays expects their bread to be delivered for it has been represented to the Food Council that where shops have been opened for the sale of bread over the counter at reduced prices the demand has not been sufficient to make the shops pay.

Doing the Lambeth Walk, song and dance hit of "Me And My Girl," is Betty Frankiss. And Betty's an expert 'cos she appears in the show with Lupino Lane.

If you don't recognise this step, it's probably because Betty plays the "vamp," and she's doing a bit of vamping here!

"Me And My Girl" has just celebrated its first birthday at the Victoria Palace (London).

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DOCTORS PELT EX-SERGEANT

Pelted with snowballs by two doctors, an ex-police sergeant summoned them at Leeds yesterday for assault.

The stipendiary magistrate told the ex-policeman that he was making unnecessary fuss about the matter, and suggested an apology by the doctors would meet the case.

Mr. W.R. Hargrave, for Dr. Hugh Whalley and Dr. John Teasdale, both of Leeds Infirmary, said they were willing to apologise.

Ex-Police-sergeant James Magee said that outside the town hall Dr. Whalley threw a snowball which hit him on the ear, and when they were talking Dr. Teasdale threw another snowball.

Dismissing the case, the magistrate told Magee:—

"What really happened was that you got into a snowballing competition. You were struck with snowballs, a very annoying thing, but people do stupid things when they are snowballing."

GOVERNOR INJURED

Sir Philip Mitchell, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Uganda since 1935, was thrown from his horse at Entebbe and broke a collar-bone says a message from Kampala.

WILLIAM POWELL—THIRD OPERATION

Film star William Powell is going into hospital for a third operation. That is confirmed by M.G.M., which state that Powell's "Return of the Thin Man" is being held up until he has recovered.

'NEW CHURCHES SHOULD BE SMALLER'

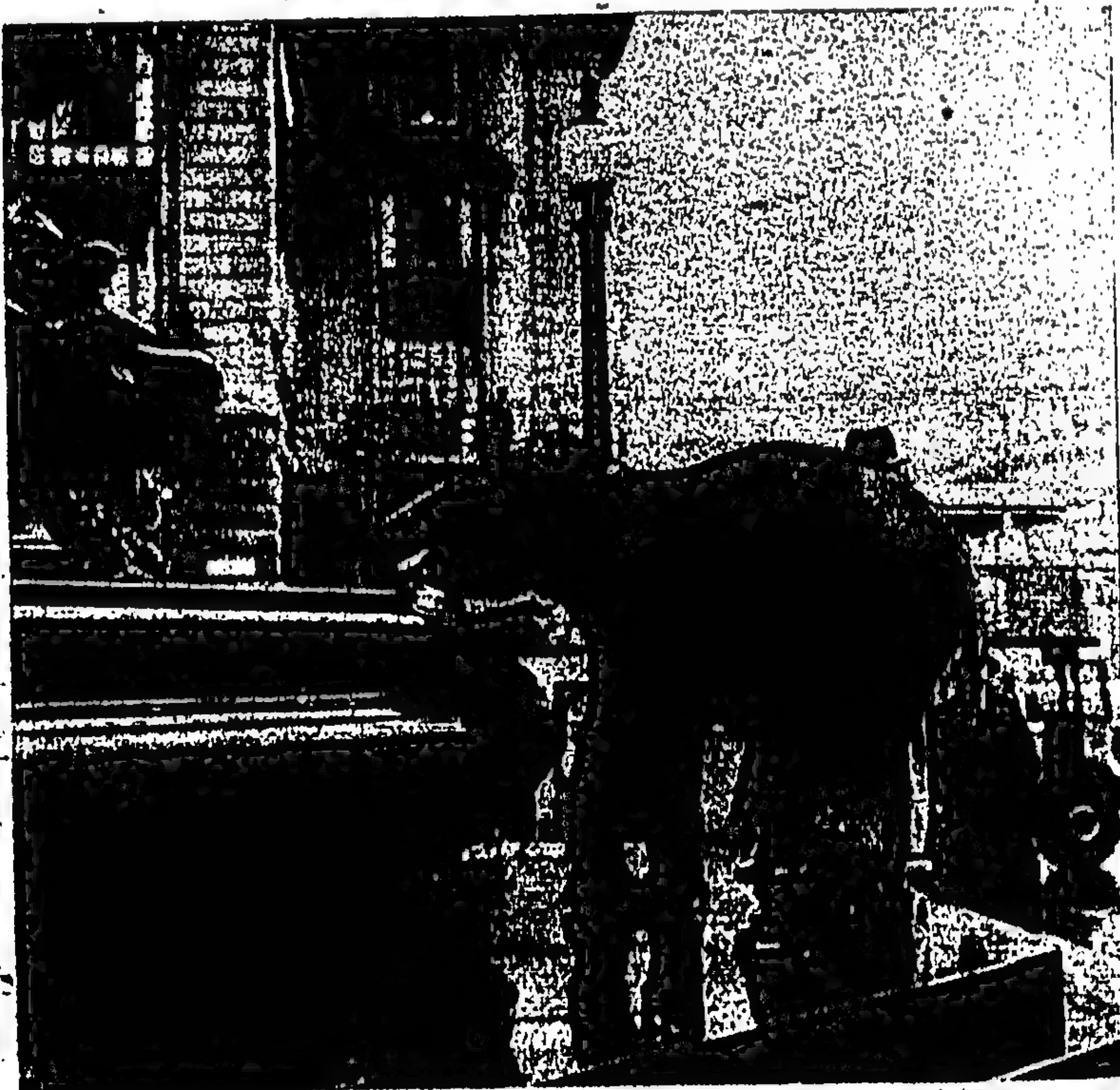
Closing large churches with small congregations and building new churches in places to which people have migrated, is advocated by the Rev. Dr. W. Landsell Wardle (Manchester), President of the Methodist Conference, in his New Year message to Methodists.

"I would never in the future," he says, "build a church to hold more than 300 or 400 persons, on the ground—the curious ground if you like—that people delight to go where there is no room for them."

"People like to go to a successful church, and not to one that is obviously declining."

PALACE "FATHER" RETIRES

"Father" of Kensington Palace servants, Mr. Henry Day, is retiring after thirty-seven years' service, first as footman and then as butler, to the Dowager Countess Granville. Mr. Day, who is sixty-one, first came to London as a boy in the service of Lord Ellesmere, nearly fifty years ago.



ELEPHANT AT THE (PICCADILLY) CIRCUS. — Comet, an elephant from Chessington, was in London the other day to see if the Trocadero was large enough to receive her. She is to perform there. This photo shows Comet stopping to quench her thirst in the fountain below the famous Eros statue in Piccadilly Circus.



Comet tried to board a bus in Shaftesbury Avenue.



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GUAM PROTECTION ADVANTAGES TO U.S. DEFENCE

Washington.

With Guam developed into a strong air and submarine base, hostile operations against the Philippines by any power would be a precarious undertaking, the naval board assigned to study America's need for new naval bases said in a report recently submitted to congress.

The board's report also stressed the fact that the fortification of Guam would help to maintain American sea power in the Far East.

The naval strategists pointed out that defence consideration affecting the Philippine Islands necessarily were dependent on determinations of political policy. If the islands are destined to achieve their independence in 1946, the naval experts said, their recommendations must be "the maintenance of existing facilities only."

The fortification of Guam, however, would be a large step in the direction of the defence of the Philippine Islands, according to the report which will be the basis for congressional action at this session of congress.

GUAM NOW DEFENCELESS

Pending political developments, the naval board urged the immediate launching of defence work at Guam.

"At present," the report declared, "Guam is practically defenceless against determined attack by any first-class power based in the western Pacific. With adequate air and submarine protection securely based on Guam, the island could be made secure against anything short of a major effort on the part of any probable enemy, an effort, that is to say, on the same order of magnitude that would be required to establish a footing the Philippines. Supported by a garrison of only moderate strength, in comparison to the important military anti-aircraft and coast-defense equipment, it seems that such a defence force should be able to hold out the limit of time that its supplies lasted—a period long enough in ordinary probability for adequate support to arrive.

ADVANTAGE CITED

The salient military features of the situation above envisaged are as follows:

(a) "The island is well adapted to the maintenance of an air force equal or superior to any similar hostile force that could be assembled within a radius of 1,200 miles.

(b) "Its natural facilities for development of a submarine base are excellent.

(c) "Even without command of the sea extending westward of Midway, the air and submarine strength of the islands could be reinforced.

(d) "The island could only be reduced or occupied by an enemy through landing operations supported by naval surface operations on large scale. Hostile air attack alone could produce no decisive effect, and against defence of the character mentioned would be likely to incur heavy and unrequited losses.

TO DETER P. I. AGGRESSION

(e) "So long as Guam existed as a strong air and submarine base hostile operations against the Philippines would be a precarious undertaking. To an even greater extent Guam would greatly impede, if not actually deny, extensive hostile naval operations to the southward, thus greatly simplifying our naval problem should the fleet ever be called upon for operations in the Far East.

"The foregoing considerations are of sufficient weight to warrant the recommendation that Guam

should be developed into a submarine base sufficient in strength to reduce or occupy the island on the part of an enemy. There are considerations of a far greater importance in this connection beyond the present ones of such importance that they are compelled to include

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Vast areas in Northamptonshire are under water following the intense rain. The rivers are overflowing their banks and pouring thousands of gallons of water into the fields and roads. Photo shows the Gasometer of Barton Latimer gasworks an island.

veloped as a major strength to make its occupation a major effort of any probable war, however, other and possibilities of significance which to take account of on. Although these may be regarded as a concept of this board with far-reaching importance the Board feels it is them in its report.

U.S. DEFENCE

self to the purely of this question, the opinion, in which

it believes itself supported by the most authoritative sources that have given study to the matter, that a strong advance fleet base at Guam, developed to the practical limits which the natural resources invite, would assure—

1. "Practical immunity of the Philippines against hostile attack in force.
2. "The most favourable conditions that could be brought about for the prosecution of naval operations in the western Pacific, arising from whatever necessity. It would reduce to the simplest possible

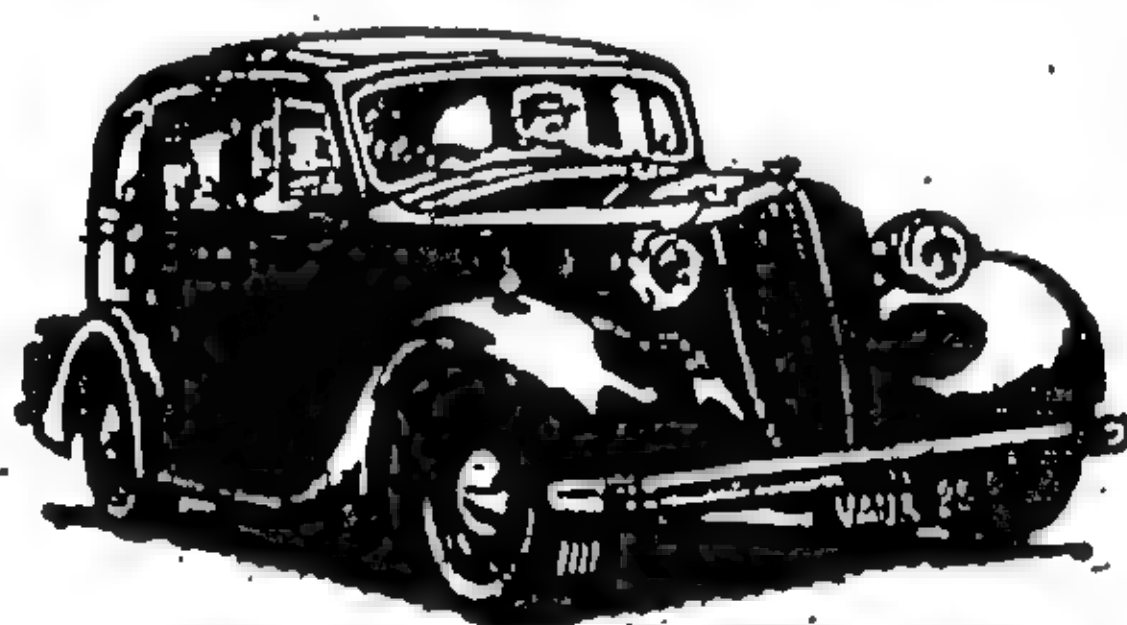
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3. "The ability of the fleet to operate with greater freedom in meeting emergency conditions that might arise in the Atlantic.

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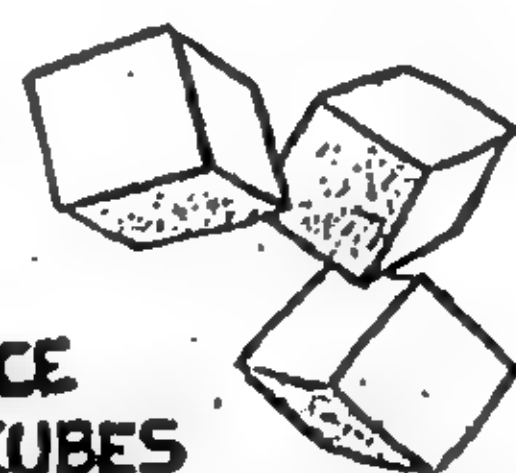
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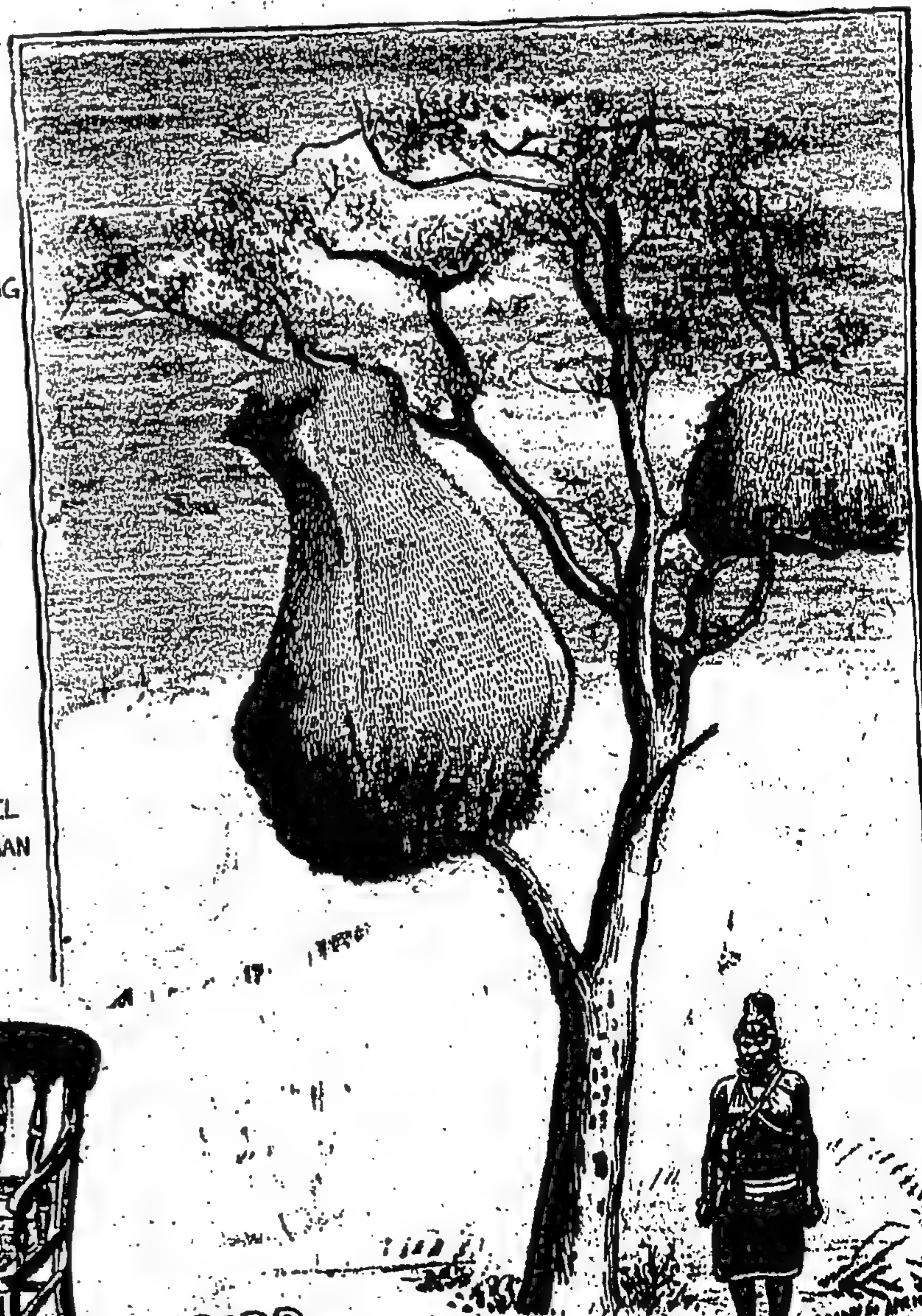
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Quartet Of Smart Accessories

This simple dress has indeed such real charm that it really deserves to be made up in challis or flat crepe for street wear, as well as in such home cottons as calico, percale and gingham. It's a dia-

gram design, and an unusually clever one. Just by means of a few well-placed darts, this design gives exactly the right slenderizing lines. Darts at the waistline make it look slim, but leave it comfortably easy to work in. Darts on the shoulders create sufficient fullness for a nice fit over the bust.

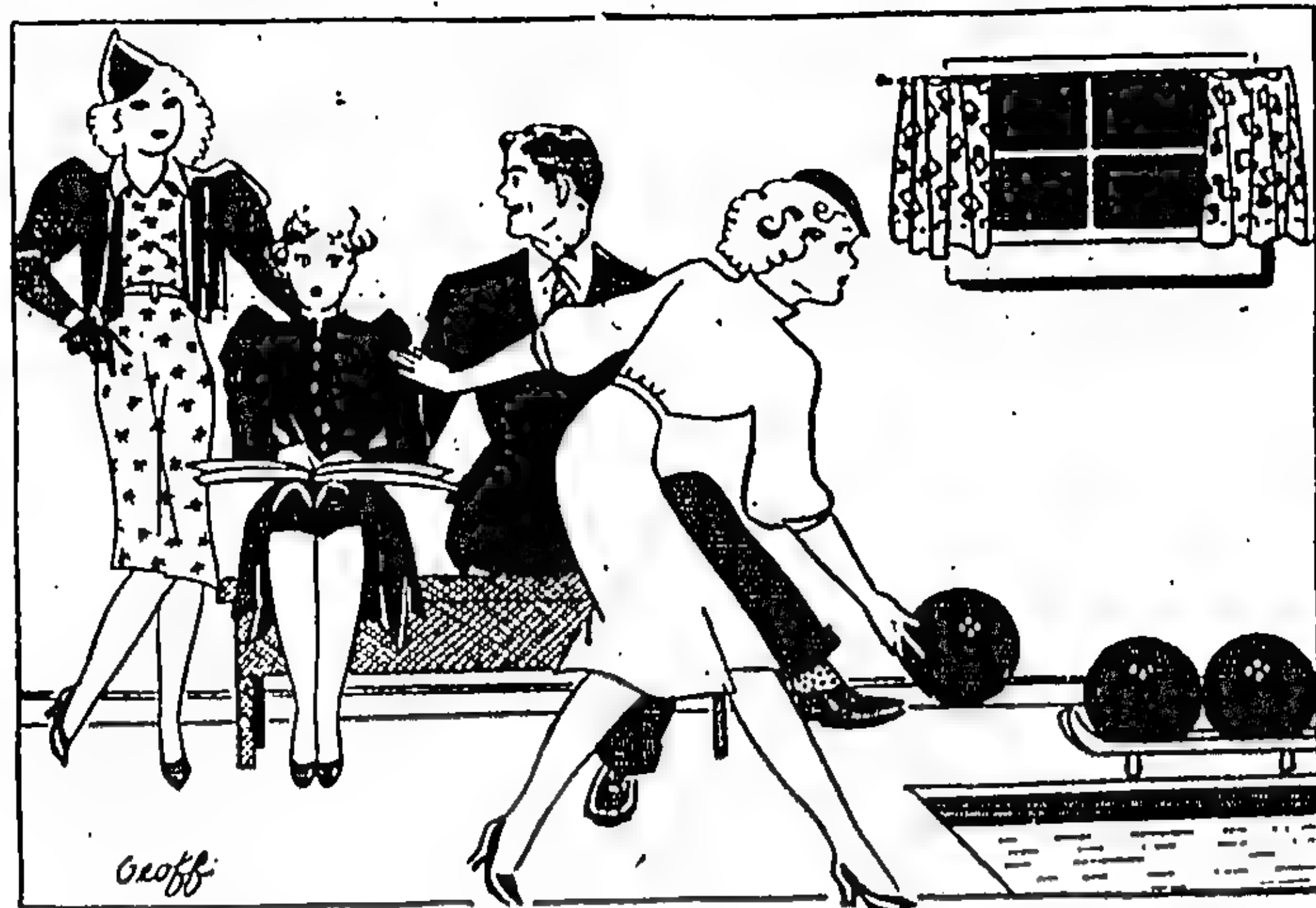
The front-button closing is handy on hurried mornings, and it enhances the slimming effect of the narrow roll collar and v-neckline. There's a flap pocket, for convenience and a bit of decoration.



Here is a lovely gown and robe of sheer crepe and lace. Those wide bishop sleeves are magnificent and the lace on the gown goes clear down to the hem! It is simply devastating, you'll adore yourself in it.

Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY



Crashing the pins is now a popular indoor sport, especially for women who desire to keep the figures trim.

Bowling To Keep Figure Trim

If your exercising can be at the same time a recreation there is a likelihood that you will embrace it more readily. Certain indoor games such as tennis, badminton, basket ball and others, offer a solution to your problem of how to keep in trim during the shut-in weather.

Bowling is one sport which has steadily grown in favour among American women in the past few years. Possibly because men like it too, and it is not so strenuous as a fast game of badminton or tennis. While at the same time it does keep muscles supple and blood circulation aroused. And that, after all, is what you need.

In Hollywood bowling is a pastime of the feminine stars. They claim that it relaxes their minds and nerves and helps to keep their figures svelte. At some of the larger universities co-eds consider bowling a good protection against sluggish systems.

LEARN TO BOWL CORRECTLY

Don't be misled into thinking that only your arms benefit when you bowl. Only about twenty per cent. of the actual work is done with your arms. The back, the hips and the waist are all exercised easily and rhythmically, and one hour of bowling, twice a week, will do wonders to keep excess pounds under control. In fact, if you do not eat directly after bowling, it can actually reduce your weight.

According to the experts there are a few things for the novice to learn at once. The regulation bowling ball weighs sixteen pounds, but if you are a beginner, you should use a lighter ball. There is a special twelve-pound ball made for women and after you have mastered some of the game's finesse, you may gradually use heavier balls until a sixteen-pound mineralite does not seem too cumbersome.

NOT SPEED THAT SUCCEEDS

And here's a tip which will help you to get high scores even if you are little Miss Beginner. Do not try for too much speed in rolling your ball!

A slow ball will create just as much havoc with the maples (or pins) as a fast ball. You should aim for what the experts call the 1/8 pocket. That is the point between the pin at the apex and the one at its right — as you stand ready to roll the ball.

If you keep these points in mind you will make a good bowler in a short time and what is vastly more important, you will be bowling your way to figure symmetry.

THIRTIETH DAY

To-day ends your diet. If you have lost sufficient weight repeat Part I of the diet. If you wish to reduce more repeat Part II of the diet varying the days as you wish.



Sketched is a darling skating hood and muff of white wool, looped to look as fluffy as a lamb. The hood is cut away at the back to show bobbing curls, and the muff is a demure round affair with a tassel. They are wearing these little sets for evening, too.

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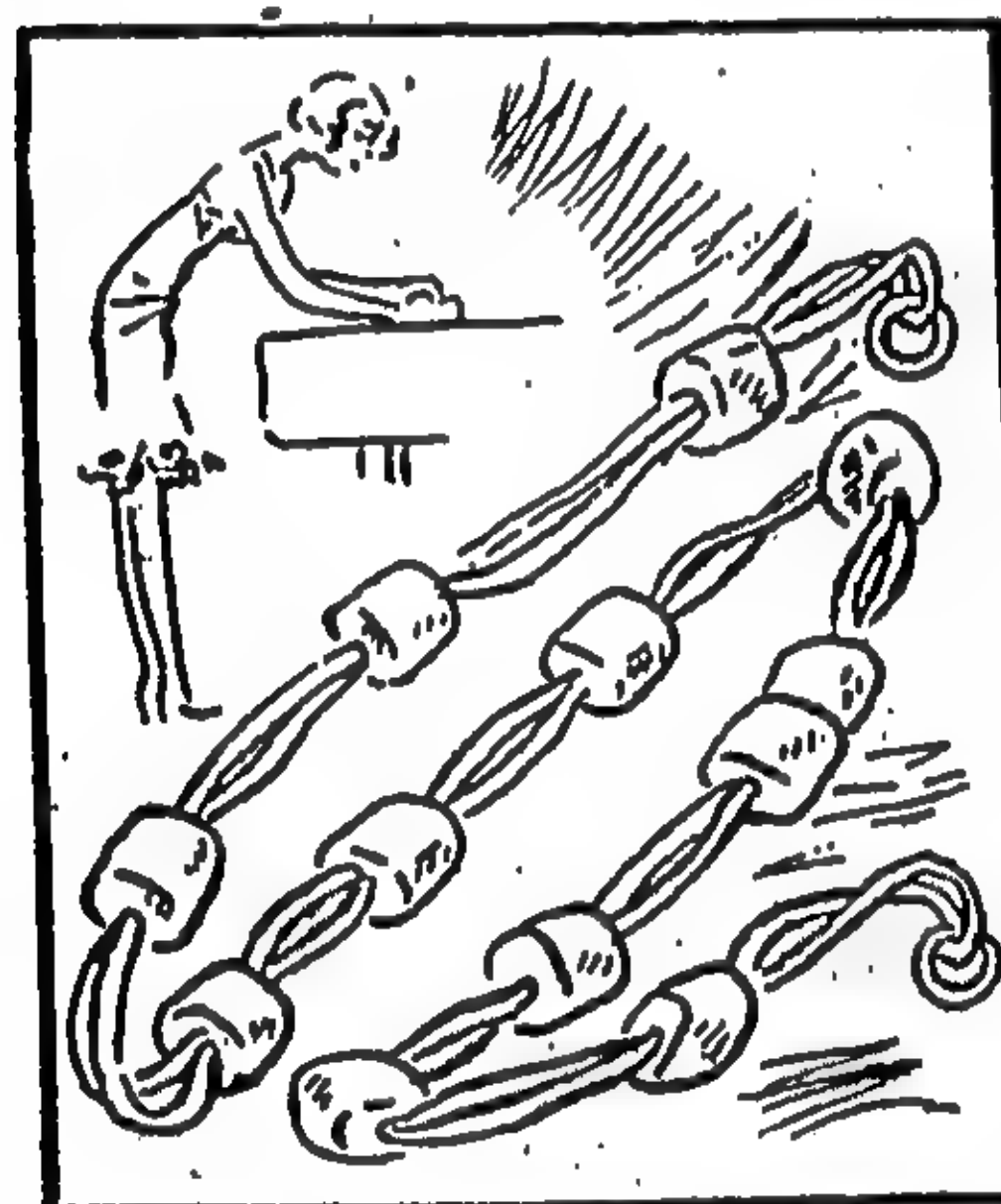
The little extras are so important nowadays that many smart women are making accessories for themselves. It's a fine way — sometimes the only way — to get exactly the colour you want, and to spare the budget, too. This design includes a fitted jacket, a nice, soft bag, a craft, and a pair of the new boxy gloves. You can make them yourself with the greatest of ease.

Several sets like this will enable you to make one dark suit or skirt look like many. Business girls and college girls, adept at getting a lot of chic for little money, will be delighted with this design. Suede, velveteen, tweed, faille and moire are suggested fabrics.

Witty Kitty



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Shanghai	February 2.	Pel Ping	February 2.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	February 2.	Kingyuan	February 2.
Bangkok and Swatow	February 2.	Kweiyang	February 2.
Calcutta and Straits	February 2.	Suisang	February 2.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers etc.)—London date, 5th January and London Parcels—London date, 29th December.			
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—(San Francisco date, 7th January).		Ranpura	February 2.
Australia and Manila	February 2.	Pres. Hayes	February 2.
Manila	February 2.	Tanda	February 2.
Fort Bayard	February 2.	Emp. of Canada	February 2.
Shanghai	February 3.	Kaying	February 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan & Shanghai (San Francisco date, 13th Jan.)	February 3.	Conte Verde	February 3.
Japan and Shanghai	February 3.	Pres. Coolidge	February 3.
Japan	February 3.	Rajputana	February 3.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 28th Jan.	February 4.	Africa Maru	February 3.
Shanghai and Swatow	February 4.	Imperial Airways Plane	February 4.
Japan and Shanghai	February 4.	Yunnan	February 4.
Hoihow	February 5.	Lahore	February 4.
Japan and Shanghai	February 6.	Muinam	February 5.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	February 6.	Felix Roussel	February 6.
Straits	February 7.	Huph	February 6.
Japan and Shanghai	February 7.	Cremer	February 7.
Manila	February 7.	Sarpedon	February 7.
Japan	February 7.	Nako Maru	February 7.
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Japan	Santhia	Feb. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Bangkok, Batavia, Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar	Tegelberg	Thur., Feb. 2, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 9th Feb.	K.P.O.	
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	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Thur., Feb. 2, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Thur., Feb. 2, 7.00 p.m.
Foochow	Pronto	Feb. 2, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY		
Swatow	Newchwang	Feb. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Japan	Suisang	Feb. 3, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 20th Feb.	Nellore	Feb. 3, 10.30 a.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Par.,	Feb. 2, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 3, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Feb. 3, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia.	Ranpura	Feb. 3, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Haiphong.	Suiyang	Feb. 3, Noon.
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban)	Africa Maru	Feb. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Brindisi—due Brindisi, 24th Feb.	Conte Verde	Feb. 3, 2.30 p.m.
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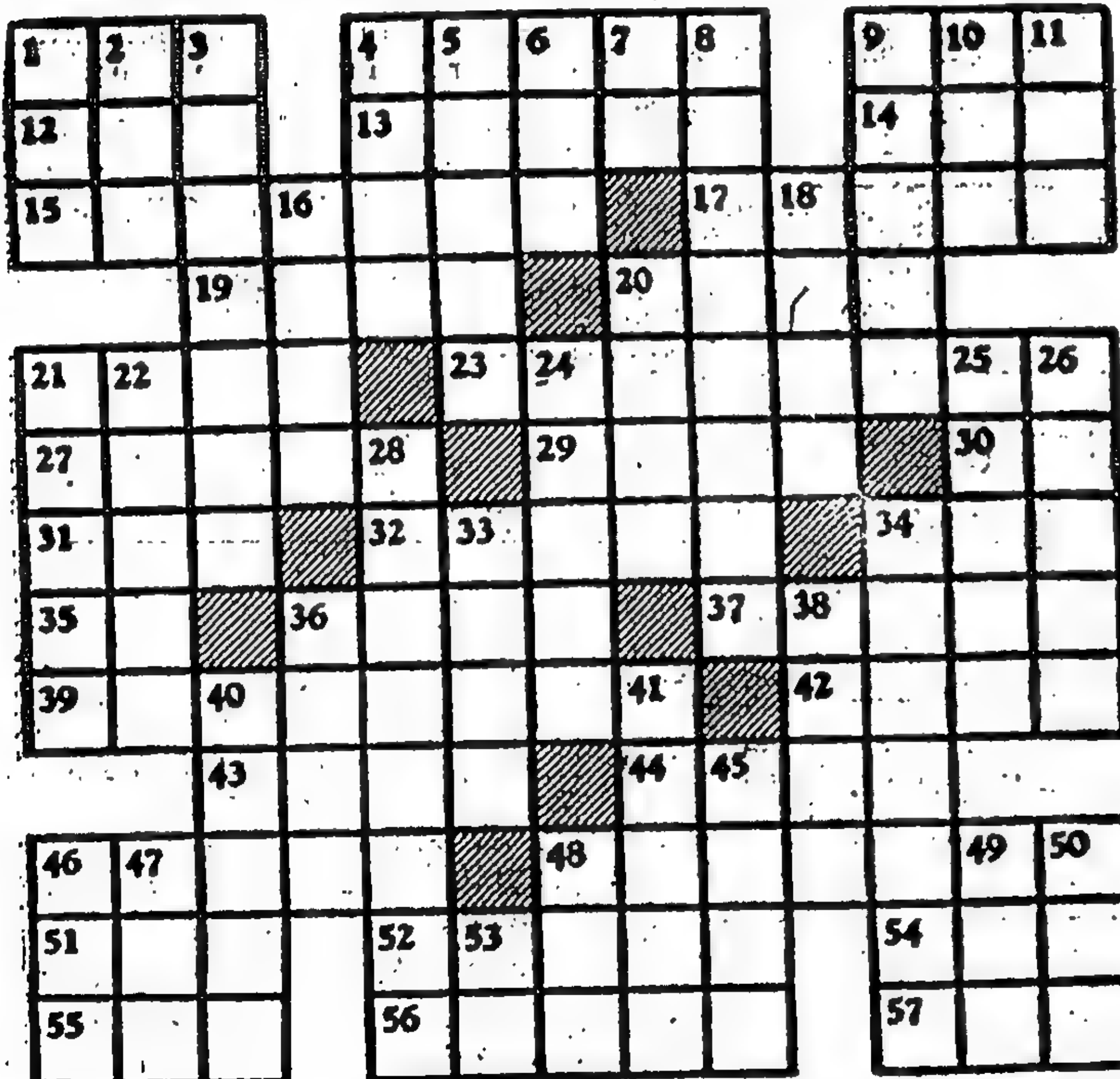
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- 19 Fish sauce
- 20 Wise men
- 21 Sacred Hindu tongue
- 23 Calamitous
- 27 Plane surfaces
- 29 Cards
- 30 Greek letter
- 31 To free
- 32 Despair
- 34 Tin
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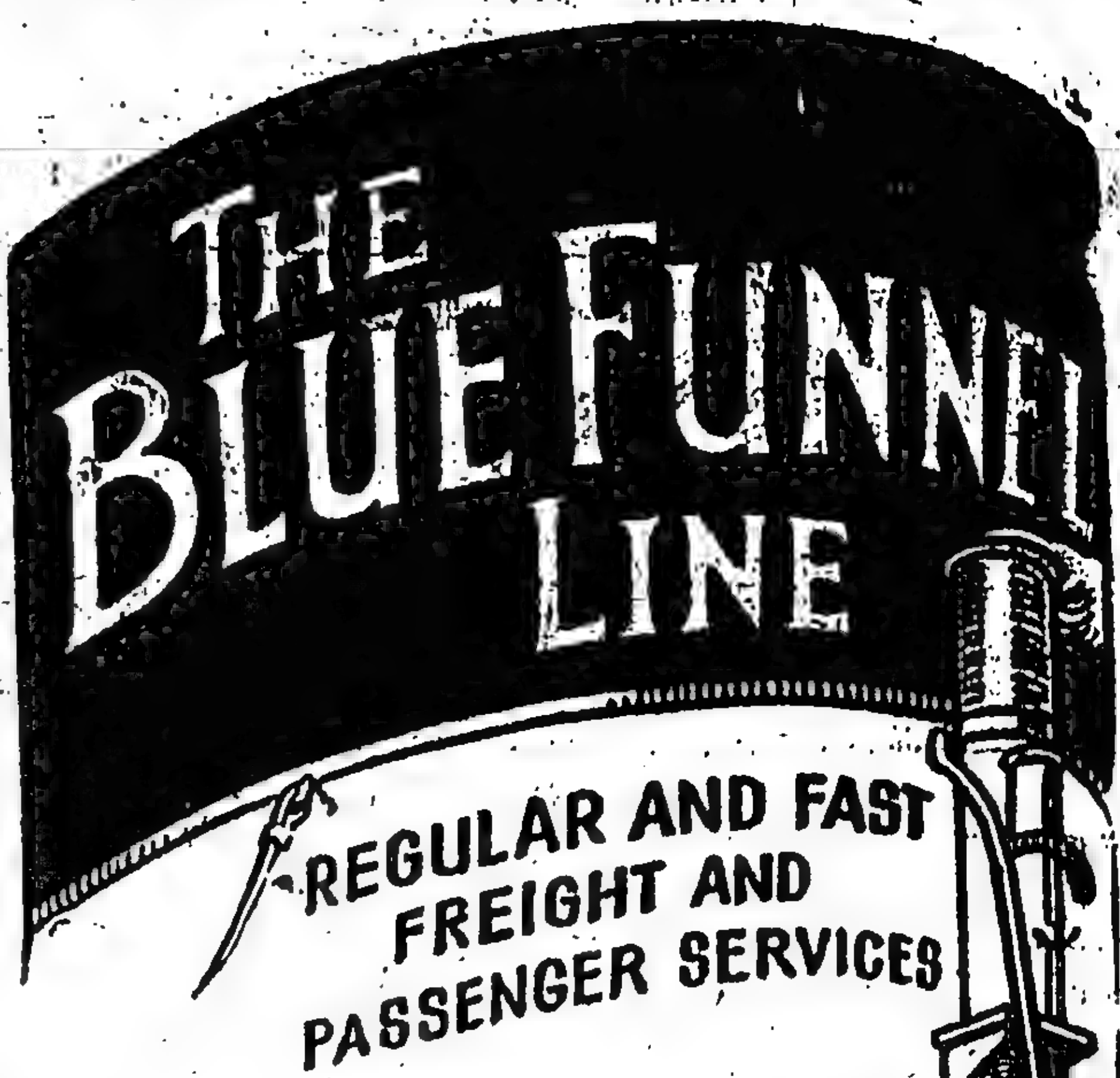
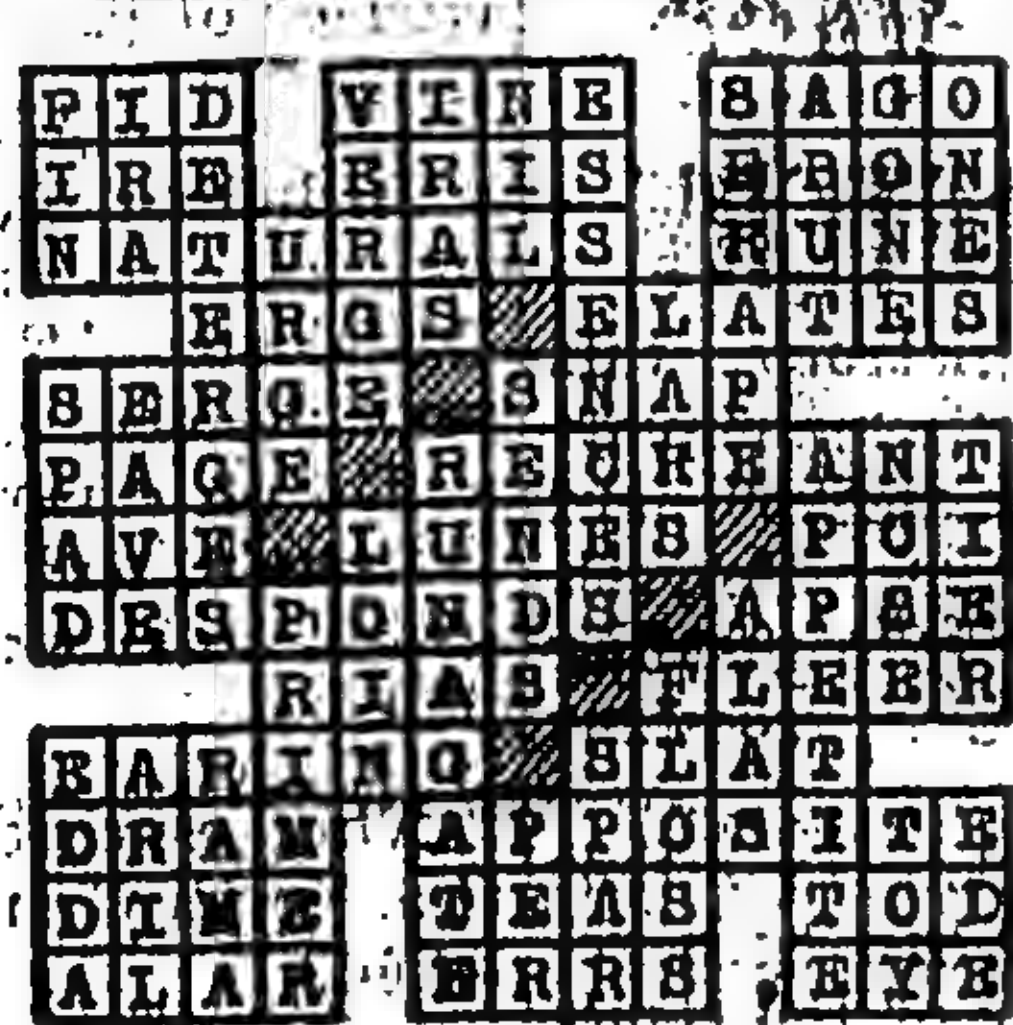
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- 54 Decay
- 55 Drinking place
- 56 Plum-like fruits
- 57 Ocean

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- 1 Remotely
- 2 Indian
- 3 Entertained
- 4 Lady
- 5 To build
- 6 Foot-like part
- 7 Forward
- 8 American bird (pl.)

- 9 Witchcraft
- 10 Australian bird
- 11 Existed
- 16 Hip-bone (pl.)
- 18 Protective influence
- 20 Massive staff
- 21 European capital
- 22 To originate
- 24 Less ready
- 25 Separate
- 26 Parts of chains
- 28 Calumniate
- 33 Rooms in harems
- 34 Ebb gallops
- 36 To wait
- 38 Sharp pain
- 40 Pertaining to cheek
- 41 Freshet
- 45 Matures
- 46 Riotous crowd
- 47 Period
- 48 Piece for two
- 49 Fish eggs
- 50 Music as written
- 53 Symbol for oleum

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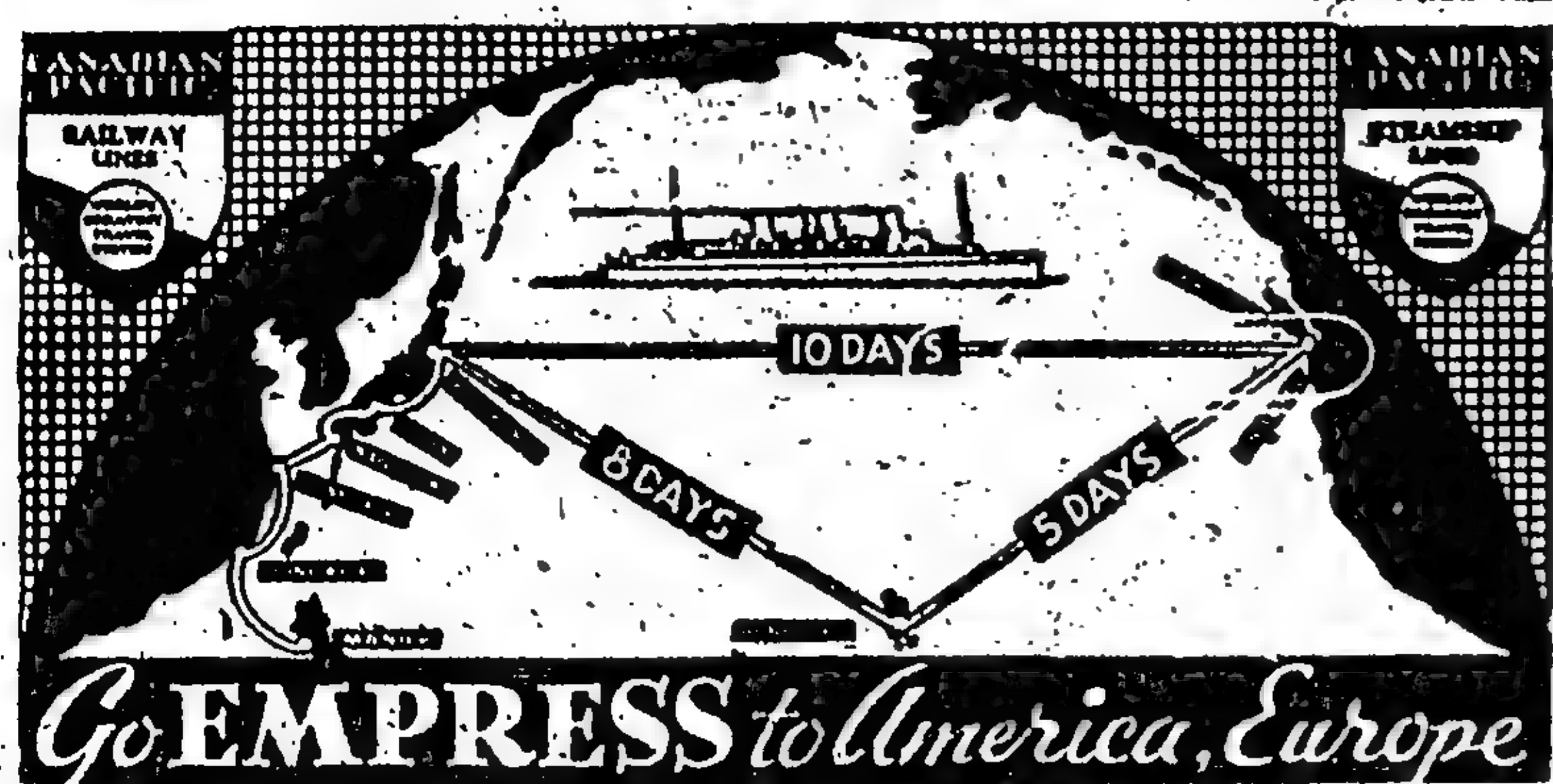
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Two important posts in the Soviet War Commissariat, namely those of the third and fourth deputies, have been filled, according to a Government announcement in the military organ, "Krasnaya Swiesda."

The new Deputy War Commissars are Army Commander Kulik, who was formerly at the head of an artillery division in the War Commissariat, and Marshal Budienny who will retain his post as the Commander-in-Chief of the Moscow military district.

They will replace Marshal Jegeroff who was arrested about one year ago and Commander Fedko.

Other important appointments are Army Corps Commander Chosin of the Leningrad district as Director of the War Academy in Moscow, and Commander Merezkov of the Volga Military district as Commander of the Leningrad district.

As successor to Kulik, Brigade Commander Swvtschenko has been appointed to the artillery division in the War Commissariat.—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank \$1400 b., \$1400 sa.	
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Canton Ins. \$210 b., \$220 s., \$210/15 sa.	
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Providents (Old) \$5.80 b.	
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MINING	
Antamoks Ps. 42 sa.	
Atoks Ps. 34 sa.	
Baguio Gold Ps. 26 sa.	
Benguet Consol. Ps. 13.40 sa.	
Coco Grove Ps. 46 sa.	
Demonstrations Ps. 20 1/2 sa.	
I. X. L. Ps. 65 sa.	
San Mauricio Ps. 1.72 sa.	
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 22 1/2 sa.	
United Paracales Ps. 66 sa.	
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. and S. Hotels \$6.70 b., \$6.70 sa.	
H. K. Lands \$38 b., \$36 1/4/1/2 sa.	
H. K. Realities \$5 1/2 b., \$5.70 s.	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways \$17.40 s., \$17.20 sa.	
Star Ferries \$71 1/2 s.	
H. K. Electrics \$56 1/2 b., \$56 sa.	
Telephones (Old) \$23 b.	
Telephones (New) \$7 b.	
INDUSTRIALS	
Cements \$15.60 b.	
H. K. Ropes \$4 b.	
STORES, &C.	
Watsons \$7 1/2 b., \$7 1/2 sa.	
Lane, Crawfords \$8 s.	
Wing On (H.K.) \$36 b.	
COTTON MILLS	
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$42 b.	
MISCELLANEOUS	
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 2/6 b.	

THEFT OF VASE FROM CEMETERY

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Wong Kong, 25, unemployed was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, when he pleaded guilty to stealing a flower vase at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday.

Inspector A. V. Baker said that many similar offences had been reported by the inspector of the cemetery. Yesterday, defendant was seen taking the vase from the top of a grave.

BRECONSHIRE TO BE LAUNCHED THIS EVENING

A FINE ADDITION TO THE FLEET OF THE GLEN LINE IS BEING LAUNCHED THIS EVENING FROM TAIKOO DOCK.

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The Queen Mary carried more than 52,000 passengers during the year.

ST. ANDREW'S CLUB GIVE EXCELLENT SHOW

St. Andrew's Club has for some time made it a practice of holding an amateur dramatic performance at least once a year.

In accordance with that practice, they opened a two-day season in the Church Hall last night and more than maintained their reputation for histrionic ability.

Two one-act plays, with an interval during which a varied musical programme was dispensed, made for the thoroughly enjoyable evening spent by an almost capacity house.

Associated with these productions almost from the time of their inception, Miss Rita Cole in the leading role in the second of the plays, gave evidence of the experience she has gained in a performance which would not have discredited a professional.

ACCENT PERFECT

She played the part of the cockney Mrs. Ogbody almost without flaw. Her accent was perfect, her acting only natural, only criticism being her make-up which might have been a little heavier — she did not appear quite the age one would expect a woman with a grown-up daughter to be.

Iris Woolley has been seen to better advantage in other roles. She was not convincing as a cockney. There was not a great deal wrong with her acting but her lapses into "King's English" and her general inability to sustain in the accent which her role demanded, detracted somewhat from her usual excellence.

Olive Jefferys' characterisation of the role of Mrs. Minister was good although she was inclined to speak too softly and to rush her lines. Many of her better jokes were missed by the audience in the back of the Hall.

C. R. Pellatt as Mr. Ogbody was similarly at fault. Janet Broadbridge as Winnie Minnifer did not have much to say or do but said and did it adequately.

THE BATHROOM DOOR

There was little the matter with the cast of "The Bathroom Door," an amusing farce dealing with the scramble for a hotel bathroom. All the roles were in experienced hands but special mention must be made of the performances of Ralph Dromer and Eileen Bliss.

The musical interlude made pleasant variety in which a series of vocal and instrumental items were thoroughly enjoyed. Outstanding

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CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



Answer to yesterday's puzzle: 1—Wath and football.
2—Purse and skates

7,000 MORE MEN FOR FLEET AIR ARM

Particulars of the Admiralty's far-reaching plans for the development of naval aviation can now be given on the authority of an official spokesman. Salient features of the scheme are:

The personnel of the Fleet Air Arm is to be increased from the present figure of 3,000 to about 10,000 by the year 1942.

A new "dockyard" or repair base is to be created for the sole purpose of maintaining and repairing Fleet Air Arm material. The Navy is to take over the R. A. F. stations at Ford (Sussex),

was Mr. Percy Guntrip, a bass with an extraordinary range. Mr. G. H. Hunt, a tenor, also sang pleasingly whilst a duet by these two brought the house down.

A cello solo by Mr. G. A. Goodban and a quartette by Messrs. Stevenson, Gwyther, Baldwin and Guntrip completed this part of the programme.

The performance will be repeated this evening at 9 o'clock and those who enjoy variety in their entertainment, should not fail to attend.

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Lee-on-Solent, Donibristle and Worthy Down. In addition, the Admiralty proposes as soon as possible to construct more air bases for its own use in various parts of the country.

As from January 9 the Air Material Department of the Admiralty is to be reorganised in two divisions. The first, under an engineer-captain, will be responsible for aero engines, their maintenance and repair; the second, under a naval pilot officer, will be in charge of aircraft and their maintenance.

Including the Ark Royal, just completed, the Navy now has seven aircraft carriers. Five more of great size are building. It is the official view that carriers are no less important than battleships, having regard to the vital part they are expected to play in safeguarding the ocean trade routes.

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COCOA POSITION IN AFRICA

London, To-day.

Questioned in the Commons on the cocoa position in West Africa, the Colonial Secretary replied that so far as the Commission's proposals for a cocoa farmers' association for collective marketing of cocoa in the Gold Coast was concerned, the Governor had appointed a local committee to examine the draft scheme prepared by the Commission and was now awaiting its report.

As regards suspension of merchants' cocoa buying agreements, the immediate effect had been to bring to an end the hold-up of cocoa by Gold Coast producers.

With the release of purchasing power from sales of cocoa, excessive stocks of imported merchandise which had accumulated during the dispute, had been gradually worked off, and latest figures showed the import trade was beginning to function normally again.

But, Mr. Macdonald added, while the prices of all West African produce, including cocoa, continued as low as at present, the import trade could not be expected to recover to a satisfactory level.—British Wire-
less.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 12-13/16.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 19-15/16 and forward at 19-5/8.

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Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.



The Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven and reserves were photographed last Monday on the occasion of the departure for Home of their two inside forwards, who are seen sitting in front. Left to right (back row) are E. F. A. Morgan, S. A. Fowler, V. C. Bond, V. M. Benwell, F. H. Stokes, A. H. Pontius and W. Schnabel. (Middle Row) N. Whitley, W. A. Reed, G. E. R. Divett (Captain), E. V. Reed, R. A. Bates. (Sitting on ground) T. S. D. Whitley and B. I. Bickford. ("China Mail" photo).

ARMY TROUNCE CLUB AT HOCKEY

Civilian Attack Unable To Hold Their Own

HOOK, DATTA RAM AND NERAIN SINGH IN LIMELIGHT

(By "STICKS")

MAKING the most of their opportunities from short corners and in the circle, Army yesterday caused a minor upset when they defeated Hong Kong Hockey Club by 5 goals to 1 in a fast but scrappy encounter, outstanding feature of which was the failure of the Club defence and forwards line.

I have never seen W. A. Reed play so badly and although he put in a tremendous amount of work, he was no match for the clever Army inside forwards, whose powerful passes across the field more often than not found him outpositioned. But Reed was by no means to blame for Club's failure. The blame, if any, must be given the forwards; who could do nothing right when inside the circle.

Benwell and Osman, both of whom were given Interport hockey trials in goal, did not impress very much although the latter made one or two good clearances in the second half. Benwell had the majority of shots covered, but was slow in clearing the ball and on one occasion nearly gave away a goal by pushing it towards where he thought Bond was, the half-time whistle blowing a fraction before Shaw Wall netted.

ARMY BACKS GOOD

Carter and Datta Ram, Army's backs, believed in first time methods and made an excellent job of their task, breaking up Club movements in the centre by resolute tackling and quick clearances. Carter appeared to be the harder worked of

the two, but Datta Ram's positional play was excellent.

Bond started off very well and was given a gruelling time by the Nerain Singh-Partaub Singh combination. Partaub's speed on the ball was partly responsible for Bond cracking up late in the game when he was all but run off his feet, while Lowe, playing at right-half, offered very little assistance as he was handicapped by a lack of speed.

POOR POSITIONING

E. V. Reed's positioning was very poor and his slowness in distributing the ball very often brought danger to his charge.

Army's intermediate line was much the better of the two. Hook, at centre-half, adopted a third back position and as a result had Divett well under control, at the same time covering both T. Whitley and Bickford very effectively. Fraser and Austen were both up to scratch, the latter performing very well against the Colony's probable right-winger, S. A. Fowler, who scored Club's only goal, a very good one.

UNSUPPORTED

With Willy Reed not at his best in the centre, it was only to be ex-

TRIANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Army	3	2	0	1	13	5	5
Club	3	2	1	0	6	8	4
Navy	4	0	3	1	7	13	1
Total	10	4	4	2	26	26	10

pected that his flanking halves would have to carry a greater burden and both failed to hold up their ends. Norman Whitley had the harder task of the two wing halves, as he was pitted against a very fast and accurate centring right-winger in Shaw Wall, and as a result was rarely able to give much support to his wing forward combination.

Army possessed a fine forward line and, although Lt. Indarjit Singh was unable to play, Drum Major Dignan, who was brought into the team at the last moment, gave a brilliant display at inside-right, providing one of the highlights of the game.

Pritam Nath, at centre-forward, made an admirable leader and was always well up with the ball while Nerain Singh and Partaub constituted the biggest menace to the Club because of their fast and intricate stickwork and sound combination.

DIVETT'S FAILURE

Divett, making his first appearance for nearly a month, was not at all effective as leader of Club's attack and his inability to take a pass on the run considerably slowed down Club's attacks. Whitley and Bickford both unfortunately chose yesterday to have an off-day and neither looked like scoring. Fowler was probably the most dangerous of their forwards and his opening goal

of the match was a very clever piece of work. Bates, on the left-wing, ran very hard but to no avail.

Fowler opened the scoring in the 8th minute with a fine goal after a burst down the right-wing, but Army equalised from a short corner, Nerain Singh scoring from a melee after Benwell had partially cleared Datt Ram's shot. Twelve minutes later the same player worked his way through Club's defence to score Army's second goal and the interval saw Army leading Club by the odd goal in three.

ARMY WELL AHEAD

In the first minute of the second half, Divett scored from a short corner but the goal was disallowed because of sticks. Five minutes later E. V. Reed had the misfortune to deflect a pass in the circle from Pritam Nath to Partaub into his own net.

Club had several opportunities, but slowness in the circle nullified these chances and Army went further ahead from another short corner when Nerain Singh followed up Datt Ram's shot to score between Bond and E. V. Reed with Benwell helpless. In the 29th minute Army had another short corner and again scored, this time Datta Ram scoring through a crowd of players. Shortly before the end the soldiers nearly went ahead through another short corner, but Benwell got his left foot to the ball just in time.

Army:—Pte. Osman (R.A.O.C.); L/Bdr. Carter (R.A.) and Rfm. Badda Ram (Rajputs); L/Sgt. Fraser (R. Scots), Lt. Hook (R.A.) and L/Cpl. A. F. Austen (R.C. Signals); Hav. Shaw Wall (Rajputs), Drum-Major Dignan (R. Scots), Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputs), L/Nk. Nerain Singh (Kumaons) and Rfm. Partaub Singh (Kumaons). Club:—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; S. A. Fowler, T. S. D. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett, B. I. Bickford and R. A. Bates.

Malayan Rugby Winds Up

NORTH BEATEN BY 15 TO 6

**Bourne And Abbott In Fine Form:
Harper Pulls Muscle, Not Serious**

(By AIR MAIL)

Singapore, January 29.

AFTER an evenly contested first half, but a one-sided second half, the South XV defeated the North XV by 15 points (one penalty goal and four tries) to six (one penalty goal and one try) in a Rugby game on a flooded field at Anson Road stadium yesterday.

The South forwards were slow to get moving in the first half and were put on the defensive, but in the second half they showed more of their true form and dominated play. Stiff and McCall were always on the ball and proved the best opportunists in the pack, while Toker, at fly-half, penetrated well and his punts ahead were well placed. Craigie and Richardson, scoring three tries between them in the second half, made the most of their opportunities.

Dominating play in the first half, the heavier and faster North forwards drove the South back into their 25 time and again. Abbott on the wing was dangerous and dribbled strongly down the line. At scrum half Pestana played a good game and combined well with Ewart in the first half.

In the North pack, Bourne and McBride were always prominent. Despite the poor conditions Harper was brilliant at full back and stove off the South's attacks in the first half. The North were unfortunate to lose him half way through the second half, when he had to go off after pulling a muscle earlier in the game. His injury, however, is not serious. Abbott had to go off for a short time with a bad cut over the eye.

Early Score

The North heeled smartly in the first set scrum and Pestana sent his backs away. The Perak forward McCall dribbled through and when Dix fumbled the North got inside the South 25. Simpson sent the South backs away and they looked dangerous until Pierce fumbled.

Abbott kicked through over the line and fell full length on the ball in a great race with Vinycomb. Littledyke failed to convert the try which was scored within the first five minutes.

South were awarded a penalty in a favourable position but Stiff missed the kick. South rallied and when McCall was caught offside, Kenion kicked a penalty goal. Pestana short punted and the North looked like scoring, but Richardson saved well. Then Abbott gained ground again by dribbling strongly down the line. Dix gathered smartly and found touch.

PENALTY GOAL

The North drew ahead when Ramsay Rae was caught offside and Little-dyke kicked a penalty goal. Simpson then gained ground and sent on to Toker who was grassed by Ewart. Getting one of the few chances he had during the game London made ground down the line.

After both packs splashed for the ball in mid-field, Pestana found touch inside the South 25 and the North pressed until Toker cleared. From the line-out Bourne sent the ball out to the backs but Stiff, intercepting, carried play back by some clever dribbling.

BALL HITS POST

Richardson, by well controlled fast dribbling, carried play near the North line and was unlucky not to score when the ball struck the corner flag and bounced off. The North edged their way back upfield when Ewart shot punted, but Dix saved.

TWO MEN HURT

Simpson sent his backs away again and Richardson short punted over the line. Vinycomb dived for the ball but Hatfield saved. In trying to stop this attempt, Harper was injured and had to go off for a short time. He was followed by



Abbott, who was cut over the eye.

Harper came on again just before half time to save brilliantly when Richardson kicked ahead.

Good work by Toker followed when he cut in and reverse passed to the forwards. Macey, who had backed up, scored. Stiff failed to convert making the two sides six points all at half time.

HEELED BETTER

The South forwards heeled better in the second half and Toker carried play up-field when he found touch with a well placed kick.

Toker came round the blind side of the scrum and sent on to Pierce, who short punted. Craigie gathered the punt with one arm and dived over the line. Stiff missed the kick, giving the South a three point lead.

The North rallied and pressed, but Pierce gathered and kicked ahead. Richardson following up fast carried the ball on over the line and scored. Kenion's kick was charged down.

ANOTHER SCORE

Then from a scrum on the line Simpson sent on to Craigie, who dived over again. Kenion again failed to convert with the heavy ball.

At this stage Harper had to go off, his absence considerably weakening his team's defence.

Again Toker cut in brilliantly and dummying his way past his opposing inside backs looked like scoring, but Close tackled him.

The North forwards rallied and with McBride prominent pressed inside the South 25, until Craigie saved with a good kick to touch.

Mr. Malcolm Millar referred and the teams were:

North XV:—D. R. Harper (Selangor); J. H. Abbott (Selangor), C. W. Lyle (Penang), A. Close (Penang), T. Hatfield (Selangor); J. W. Ewart (Penang), M. B. Pestana (Penang); D. McBride (Selangor), J. M. Barnes (Selangor), G. Littledyke (Penang), G. E. M. Jones (Penang), D. Hopkin (Selangor), J. M. McHugh (Perak), R. W. McCall (Perak), P. W. Bourne (Selangor).

South XV:—L. S. A. Dix (R.N. and R.A.F.); A. P. Craigie (Singapore), Lieut. J. E. P. Pierce (Army), Cpl. T. M. Richardson (Army), G. D. A. London (Singapore); Lieut. A. C. Toker (Army), Captain F. W. Simpson (Army); Lieut. H. G. H. Kenion (Army), A. H. Harding (Negri), H. I. MacLennan (Johore), I. F. McCall (R.N. and R.A.F.), R. J. Macey (Singapore), F. G. Stiff (Singapore), W. A. Vinycomb (Army), R. A. Ramsay Rae (R.N. and R.A.F.).

TEAMS FOR SATURDAY'S ENCOUNTER

The following are the teams for Saturday's game, commencing 4 p.m. on the Club ground:

All-Malaya—

D. R. Harper;
G. D. A. London,
L/C. Richardson,
C. W. Lyle and
A. P. Craigie;
J. W. Ewart and
Capt. F. W. Simpson;
D. McBride,
A. H. Harding,
M. I. McLennan,
J. F. M. Roualle,
P/O. McCall,
2/Lt. J. H. Proctor,
R. W. McCall and
J. M. McHugh.

Hong Kong Football Club—

M. W. McGrath;
D. H. Stewart,
H. D. Bidwell,
W. E. Grieve and
G. K. Chadwick;
J. Hutchison and
J. R. Henderson;
K. A. Watson,
K. W. Salter,
E. W. Stout,
W. E. Peers,
A. F. Walkden,
W. B. Richardson,
A. J. G. Taylor and
J. Redman.

Referee — Lt.-Comdr. Linton, R.N.

"Y" LADIES CHANGE

Miss A. Fowler, due to an arm injury, will not be playing for "Y" Ladies in the Seven-A-Side Tournament on Saturday. Mrs. Stone will be the "kicking back" and Mrs. Williams will be seen at half-back.



Malayan Rugby Team Arrives

The Malayan Rugby Union tourists arrived in the Colony this morning by the P. and O. liner s.s. Ranpura and were met by a large gathering of Rugby enthusiasts.

D. R. Harper, the captain, stated that they had had a very good voyage and were all looking forward to the matches. As there were so many of them, everybody would be given a chance to play, changes being made in all three fifteens.

P. W. Bourne (Selangor) one of the outstanding forwards among the visitors, will not be playing until the second match, against Royal Navy next Tuesday, as he developed blood poisoning in a toe following the North v. South match in Singapore on January 28.

No official programme of entertainment has been fixed for them prior to Saturday's game.

Arrangements for Saturday's match have been completed. To avoid queuing up before turnstiles it is advisable to obtain tickets beforehand. No seats, however, will be reserved. Admission to the covered stand is \$1.50. A portion of the centre of the covered stand will be reserved for Club members holding tickets.

Admission to the open stand is 50 cents. No tickets may be obtained previous to the match.

The team is as follows:—

The number given in brackets before each name is the number players will probably wear on the field:

- (1)—D. McBRIDE (Tin Miner).
- (2)—R. W. McCALL (Asst. Superintendent of Customs and Excise).
- (3)—A. H. HARDING (Rubber Planter).
- (4)—H. I. McLENNAN (Rubber Planter).
- (5)—F. O. McCALL (Royal Air Force).
- (6)—J. F. M. ROUALLE (Probationer, Supdt. Customs and Excise Dept.).
- (7)—J. M. McHUGH (Civil Engineer, P.W.D.).
- (8)—I. F. MacKENZIE (Rubber Planter).
- (9)—P. W. BOURNE (A.P.C.).
- (10)—CAPT. F. W. SIMPSON (Royal Engineers).
- (11)—J. W. EWART (Horticulturist, Agricultural Dept.).
- (12)—Lt. J. H. PROCTOR (Loyals).
- (13)—C. W. LYLE (Chinese Protectorate, Penang).
- (14)—L/CORPL. RICHARDSON (R.A.M.C.).
- (15)—LT. J. E. P. PIERCE (Royal Artillery).
- (16)—A. P. CRAIGIE (Joseph Travers, Merchant).
- (17)—G. D. A. LONDON (McAlister & Co., Merchant).
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INTERPORT FOOTBALL ARRANGEMENTS

The League Management Committee of the H.K.F.A. met last night to discuss details in connection with the forthcoming Inter-port match with Manila, during the Chinese New Years holidays.

It was stated that the visitors would leave Manila on February 14 and arrive in the Colony on February 16.

The party will comprise 16 players and two officials.

The official dinner will be held

CHINESE ENGINEERS BEAT SERVICE CORPS

In a fast soccer game at the Valley yesterday, Engineers (C.) took both points from the Service Corps whom they defeated by 5 goals to 2 after leading at the interval by four clear goals.

Chan Ying-kin (2), Li Muk-ali (2) and Li Wai-lam scored for the Chinese and Marti and Charnley for the Service Corps.

on Wednesday, February 22.

The question of the selection of the Colony teams and the playing of trial games will probably be decided on Monday, after the Council meeting.

ST. JOHN'S BEAT V.R.C. AT BADMINTON

In the "B" Division of the Badminton League last night, St. John's beat V.R.C. by 7 matches to 2.

F. Castro and A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)

lost to R. Beavan and S. Newman 9-21

lost to N. Smith and P. Wilson 11-21

lost to D. Kwok and F. Kwok 4-21

T. Xavier and A. Ulrich (V.R.C.)

beat Beavan and Newman 21-6

lost to Smith and Wilson 12-21

lost to Kwok and Kwok 5-21

W. Fisher and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)

beat Beavan and Newman 21-7

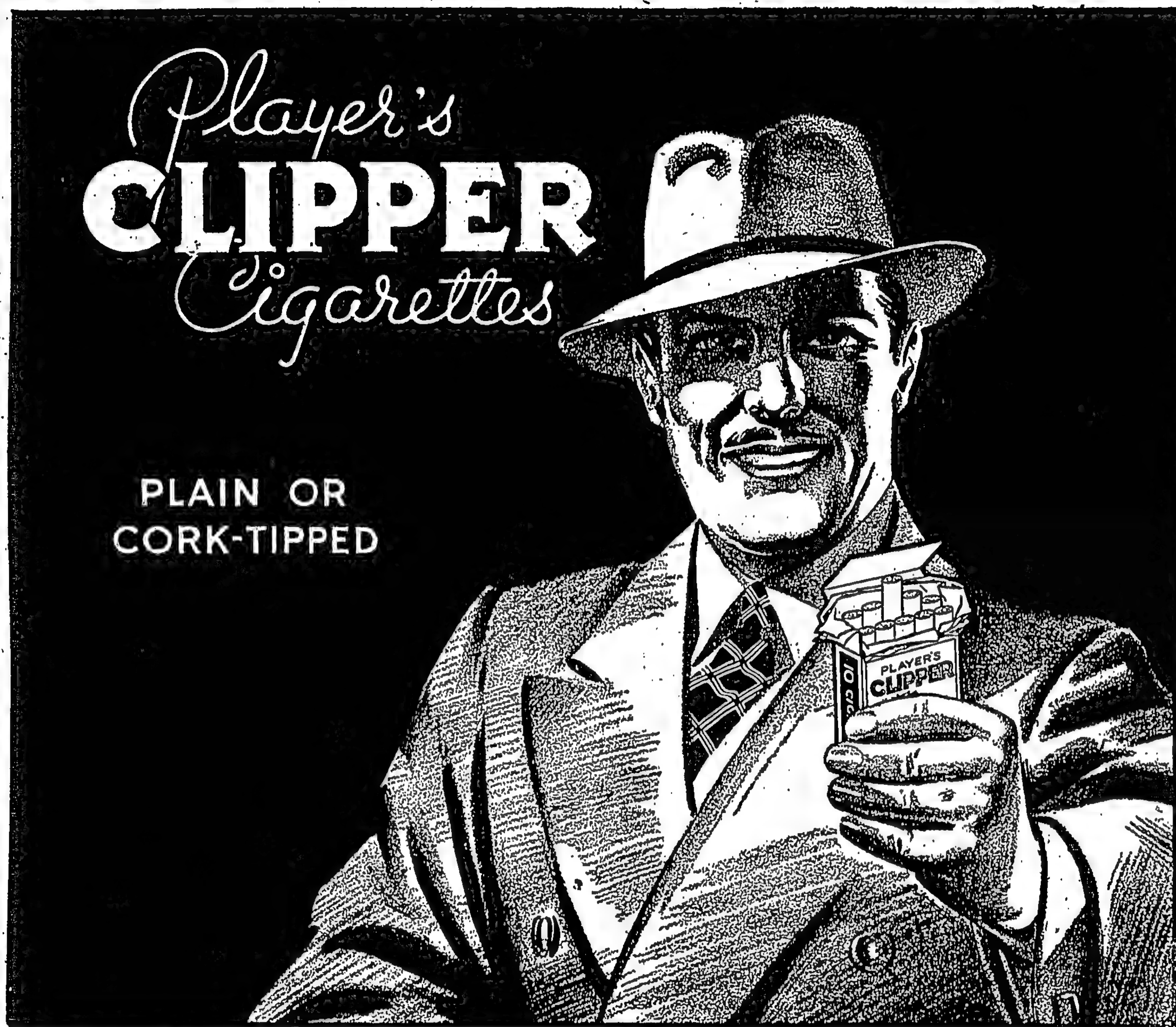
COMBINED SCHOOLS' HOCKEY

The following will represent Combined Schools at hockey against the Nomads, on the Radio Sports Club ground on Saturday, February 4, commencing at 4 p.m.:

B. Remedios (La Salle); Peter Rue (La Salle) and A. Sousa (St. Joseph's); Francis Reis (La Salle), J. Gosano (La Salle) and Khan Mohd. (Queen's College); Ronny Castro (La Salle), K. Singh (St. Joseph's), G. Singh (Queen's), I. Mendonca (La Salle) and Mohd. Afzal (Ellis Kadoorie).
Reserves.—Balwant Singh (Ellis Kadoorie), G. Choa (St. Joseph's) and Gopal Singh (Queen's).

lost to Smith and Wilson 18-21

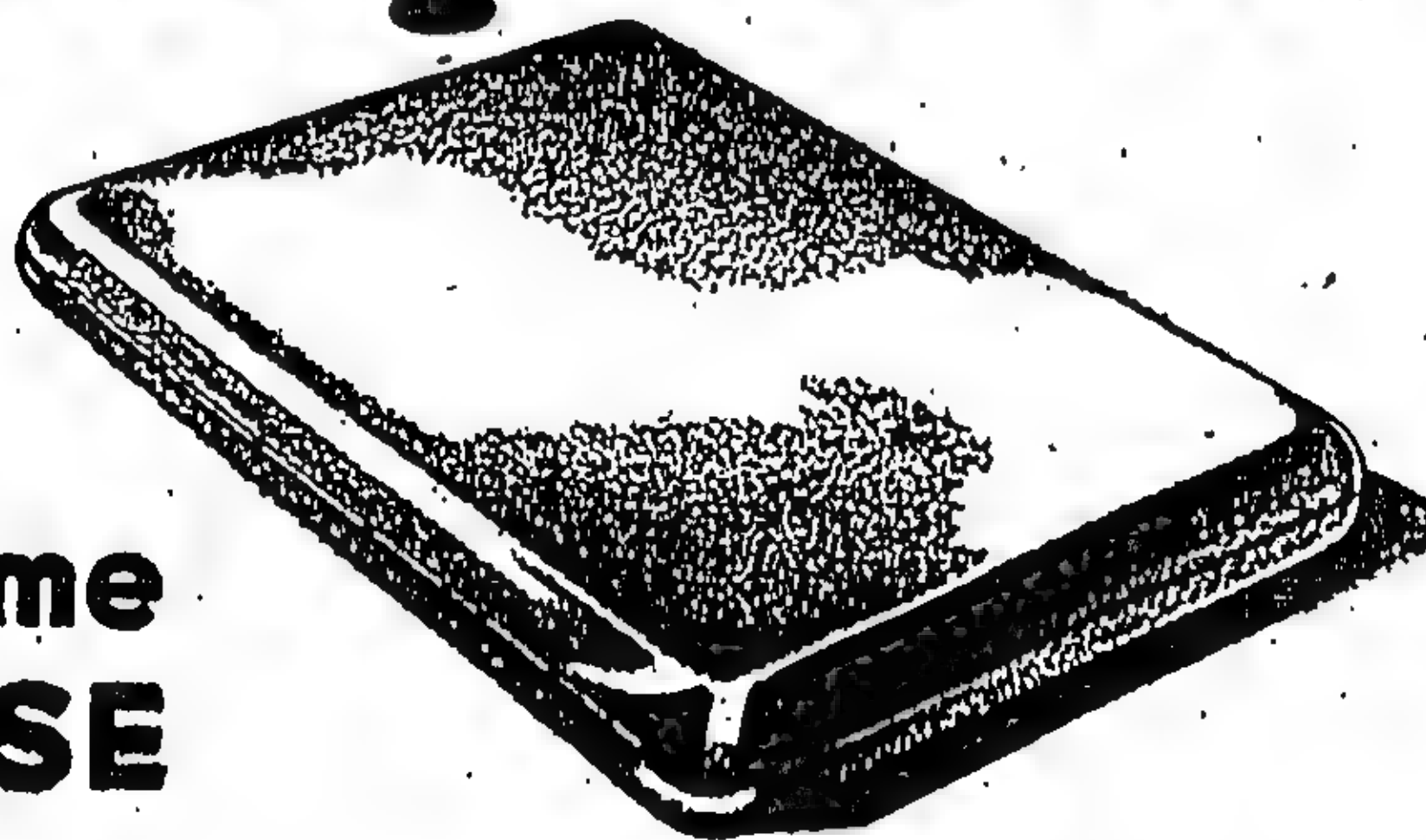
lost to Kwok and Kwok 5-21



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The Soccer Offside Bugbear

RULE CHANGE WHICH IS MOST ESSENTIAL

(By ST. STEPHEN)

Edinburgh (By Air Mail).

With sport in many parts of the world, but particularly in Europe, viewed to-day almost in the light of a political activity, it is perhaps not without some measure of justification that we in these islands pride ourselves on the fact that as far as we are concerned the game itself is still the thing that counts, not the result.

That is a very nice tribute we pay ourselves, and to a certain extent it is accurate but is it wholly true? A closer examination of the position, at least in so far as it concerns Association football, which everyone will probably agree is our No. 1 game, leads me to believe that there are several items we could well afford to be without and which are, to say the least of them, disturbing factors.

For a while there was a fear that the rising generation of footballers had lost much of the skill that characterised the play of their elder brothers, but the ease with which the recent Continental challengers have been overcome have set our minds at rest a little. We have come to the conclusion that if our international players are not all we might desire them to be, they are still a cut ahead of their like from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and the rest of Europe, and in that thought we are happy.

Not so long ago, too, especially over the Border, there was an outcry on the question of rough play. Just how far it was justified I am not prepared to say, but the authorities appeared to be genuinely alarmed, for they took precautionary measures to ensure that the best interests of the game would be safe-guarded.

As the outcry has subsided now, it can only be concluded that the measures adopted were successful, and it is a feather in our cap that on the whole our Soccer is clean.

One might well ask then—what is wrong with our game seeing it is apparently better and probably cleaner than that on the Continent? I will do my best to answer, and to begin with must say that I fear our Soccer prowess and vaunted sportsmanship are endangered more in the spirit than in anything else.

HEART-BREAKING TASK

Take as an example the modern centre-forward; his job is a heart-breaking experience, and in case you don't agree with that statement—then I refer you to the one made by no less an authority than Manager Craig of Falkirk recently. No longer is the centre allowed to devote his talent to his true task, because the centre-half acts the part of policeman to him.

The third back game practised by the present-day pivot has practically shorn that position of its one-time importance as an integral part of the attacking machinery, and at the same time has prevented the centre-forward from functioning as a leader in the true sense of the term. Under modern conditions of play that, of course it seems, is an absolute necessity from the centre half's view-point; it would appear to be suicidal for him to adopt any other policy, but it is in just a point like this that I contend there is a contravention of the real spirit of the game.

NOT ONLY PARTY

The centre half, I hasten to add, is not the only party to this misinterpretation of the real spirit, for it even extends in greater measure to the full backs, who, despite the change made in the offside rule a dozen years or so ago to defeat the machinations of erstwhile Bill McCrackens, seem now to be, at least in some notable instances, almost as expert at playing forwards offside as the famous Newcastle United exponent of yesteryear.



Wolverhampton Wanderers, who are rapidly climbing towards the top of the League, are also favourites for the F. A. Cup. The Wolves beat Leicester on Jan. 21, by 5 goals to 1. Photo shows:— The Wolves have a real live mascot—a lucky black cat with the name of Sambo. Here are some of the Wolves team with their mascot at the Molineux grounds, Wolverhampton.

Player's Registration Refused

(By AIR MAIL)

THE English Football Association have declined to accept the registration of David Mangnall for Millwall this season.

An official statement issued by the F.A. reads:—"That, having regard to the resolution of the Council of December 20, 1920, which was revised and issued to clubs in July 1936, the Consultative Committee is not prepared to exercise a discretion in Mangnall's favour, in view of the fact that he was a retained player of the Millwall Club at the time he was interested in forecasting results of matches.

STRAITS CHINESE SOCCER XI FOR COLONY

Meet H.K.F.A. On March 26

(By "UBIQUE")

At a meeting last night of the League Management, a letter from South China was read, stating that the Straits Chinese Football Club would be arriving in the Colony at the end of March on their way to Manila, where they have been invited.

While in the Colony, the Malayan Chinese are keen on playing at least two games. South China applied for the necessary permission to play them on any free date and also requested that the Association, if possible, field a team against them.

The visitors will arrive here on March 24, and as this was the last week of League fixtures the Committee found that several of the games down for decision would be played before that date.

ON MARCH 26

It was decided that a recommendation be made to the Council, giving them permission to play here and that an Association field team

"The registration, therefore, is not accepted, but an application for registration at the end of the present season will be considered."

Mangnall did not accept the terms offered by Millwall at the end of last season, and went into business at Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, as a cafe proprietor. He was also engaged, until recently, in forecasting football results for a newspaper.

On January 2, however, following a discussion with Mr. Charles Hewitt, the Millwall F.C. manager, Mangnall decided to resign, subject to the acceptance of the registration by the Football Association.



against them on Sunday, March 26.

Permission was also given Kwong Wah to visit Macao during the Chinese New Year Holidays. Kwong Wah are up to-date with their fixtures and their absence during the week-end will not upset the schedule. They assured the Association that if any of their players were chosen for the Interport matches, their services would be available.

London Relays: Dance Music: Z.B.W. Orchestra

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Raie da Costa (Piano) and The Comedy Harmonists (Vocal).
"Viktoria And Her Hussar"—Medley.
Raie Da Costa (Piano).
In A Persian Market (Ketelbey)... Comedy Harmonists with Piano.
I'll String Along With You (Film "Twenty Million Sweethearts").
What Are Your Intentions (Film "Twenty Million Sweethearts").
Raie Da Costa (Piano).
Must I Then (Folk Song); How Can It Be (Folk Song)... Comedy Harmonists with Piano.
A Thousand Goodnights (Donaldson); True (Samuels & Whitecup).
Raie Da Costa (Piano) acc. by the New Mayfair Orchestra cond. by Ray Noble with Vocal Refrain.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Teddy Foster & His Kings of Swing with Larry Adler.
Take Another Guess—Fox-Trot; The Rhythm's O.K. In Harlem—Fox-Trot... Teddy Foster & His Kings of Swing with Vocal by Teddy

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The Skeleton In The Cupboard—Fox-Trot (film "Pennies from Heaven")... Teddy Foster & His Kings of Swing with Vocal by Teddy Foster.
You Can't Run Away From Love Tonight (film "The Singing Marine")... Night Over Shanghai (film "The Singing Marine")... Larry Adler (Mouth Organ) with Orchestra.
Sugar Rose—Fox-Trot; Poor Dinah—Fox-Trot; With A Banjo On My Knee—Quickstep (film "Banjo on my Knee"); Where The Lazy River Goes By—Blues (film "Banjo on my Knee")... Teddy Foster & His Kings of Swing with Vocal by Teddy Foster.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—A Light Concert with Walter Glynn (Tenor).
Johann Strauss Waltz Potpourri (arr. Hohne)... Gloria Accordion Orchestra.

I Wait For You (film "Evensong"); Tralee (film "Evensong")... Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Gipsy Princess—Waltz (Kalmann); In Gypsy Land (arr. Michaeloff)... Alfred & His Orchestra.
Walter Glynn—Medley... Walter Glynn (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Love Tales (arr. H. Hall) (Selection of celebrated Love Songs)... New Mayfair Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—For The Children.
Uncle Peter's Nursery Sing Song. Intro: Girls and Boys come out to play; Little Bo-Peep; Polly put the kettle on; Ding Dong Dell; Jack and Jill; Sing a song of sixpence; Old King Cole; Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son; etc. ... Uncle Peter (Baritone) with Instrumental Trio.
Singing Games For Children: Lubin Loo (Traditional—arr. Wood); Jolly Miller (Traditional—arr. Wood)... Chalmers Wood's Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Studio—Serial Story.

At Mother's Knee (Some favourite Lullabies)... Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orchestra and Chorus.
6.30 p.m.—Relay of a commentary on the launching of the T.S.W.V. "Breconshire" by Lady Northcote from the Taikoo Dockyard, Hong Kong. Followed by Speeches by His Excellency The Governor & Others.
7.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections. "Music In The Air"—Selection (Hammerstein 2nd & Kern)... New Mayfair Orchestra.

7.38 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.40 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.
1. Russian Waltz Fantasia "Around the Volga" (Borcherto).
2. Barcarolle (Tosti).
3. Sagra al Villaggio (Cerri).

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Z.B.W. Orchestra.

4. Elegy—Canto Triste (Malvezzi).
5. Serenata Bolero (Margutti).
6. Arlequinade Suite (Cazaneure):
(a) Marche.
(b) Gavotte.
(c) Seguedille.
(d) Serenade Orientale.
(e) Scherzo.
(f) Carillon.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"At The Black Dog". Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by S. E. Reynolds and Pascoe Thornton.
9 p.m.—Dance Music.

Launching Of "Breconshire" At Taikoo Dock

Fox-Trot—I'd Love To Take Orders From You (film "Shipmates Forever"); Slow Fox-Trot—I'd Rather Listen To Your Eyes (film "Shipmates Forever")... Jacques Renard & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—My Shadow's Where My Sweetheart Used To Be; Slow Fox-Trot—Star Dust Covered Bundle... Joe Loss & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.
Fox-Trot—Everything Stops For Tea (film "Come out of the Pantry")... Jack Hylton's Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs". A talk by H. V. Hodson.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"The News".

9.50 p.m.—Songs by Paul Robeson (Bass).

Roll Up Sailorman (film "Big Fella"); I Don't Know What's Wrong (Dyrenforth & Ansell); You Didn't Oughta Do Such Things (film "Big Fella")... with Orchestra cond. by Eric Ansell.

10 p.m.—London Relay—"Shipwreck". A newspaper play for broadcasting by Robert Barr. Produced by Laurence Gilliam. Characters: Jackson, News Editor, Daily Gazette; Donaldson, Local Correspondent; Rowlands, Shipping Correspondent; Bill, Chief Sub; Smith, Brown, Bryson, Baird, Thomas and Davies, Reporters on the Daily Gazette; Ted, Sports Writer; Mrs. Davies, sister of Captain Davies; Mrs. Stenson, a girl of seventeen; A Landlady. The action takes place in the editorial rooms of a morning newspaper between the second and final editions, while a news 'flash' of a ship wreck is being built into a front page story.

10.35 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Quicker Than You Can Say Jack Robinson; The Star And The Rose... Roy Fox & His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Waltz—A Beautiful Lady In Blue... Mario 'Harp' Lorenzi & His Rhythms.

Fox-Trots—She Shall Have Music (from the film); Do The Run-around (film "She shall have music")... Jack Hylton's Orchestra with Vocal Refrain.

Fox-Trot—Cling To Me; Slow Fox-Trot—With All My Heart (film "Her Master's Voice")... The B.C.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall with Vocal Chorus.

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11 p.m.—Close down.



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♠ J x
♥ K x x
♦ A Q x x x
♣ A x x

The bidding went:

Maier Burnstone You Jacoby
1♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct response is two diamonds. This bid is a one-round force, so partner will not pass. If his next bid is a sign-off, such as two spades, you simply jump to three notrump. If he makes some strong second-round bid, you invite a Slam.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 80% for three diamonds (the hand is not quite strong enough to warrant this Slam Invitation), 60% for two notrump (failure to show diamonds may cost you a Slam), 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 13

Your partner, Howard Schenken, deals, both sides are vulnerable, and you hold:

♠ K J x x x x
♥ x x x
♦ x x x
♣ x x x

The bidding goes:

Schenken Jacoby You Maier
1♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

TO-DAY'S HAND

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 4
♥ 8 2
♦ A Q J 6
♣ K 9 8 7 5 3
♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ 10 9 7 3
♦ 8 2
♣ A 6 4
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S
E
W
♠ K 8 3
♥ K J 6 5
♦ 10 7 4
♣ Q 10 2
♠ A J 10 7 2
♥ A Q 4
♦ K 9 5 3
♣ J

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Probably the most annoying thing that can happen to a defensive player is to have his partner overtake his trick, only to make the wrong lead. Against the highly optimistic three-notrump contract West opened a small heart. East played the King and Declarer allowed it to hold. A low heart return was won by Declarer's Ace, and it should now have been obvious to West that he also held the Queen. Declarer next led his only club and boldly went up with dummy's King. A second club was played from dummy, East naturally playing the ten. And now, to his consternation, his partner overtook the trick with the Ace to lead another heart. A diamond to dummy was followed by a third club lead, East winning with the Queen and cashing the heart Jack for his fourth and final trick.

If East had allowed his partner to hold the second club trick, that player, knowing that the heart return would be fruitless, would have shifted to a low spade. South could not go in with his Ace, for that would establish both the King and the Queen.

He would therefore play the ten. West would win the spade lead with his Queen and should then shift back to a heart. The third club lead would then be won by West's Ace and his last heart would provide the setting trick.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 3rd to FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th January, 1939.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 25th February to 7th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

Dated this 31st day of January, 1939.

Order of the Board
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about		
1	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 550, Kennedy Street.		As per sale plan				2,100	48	10,500



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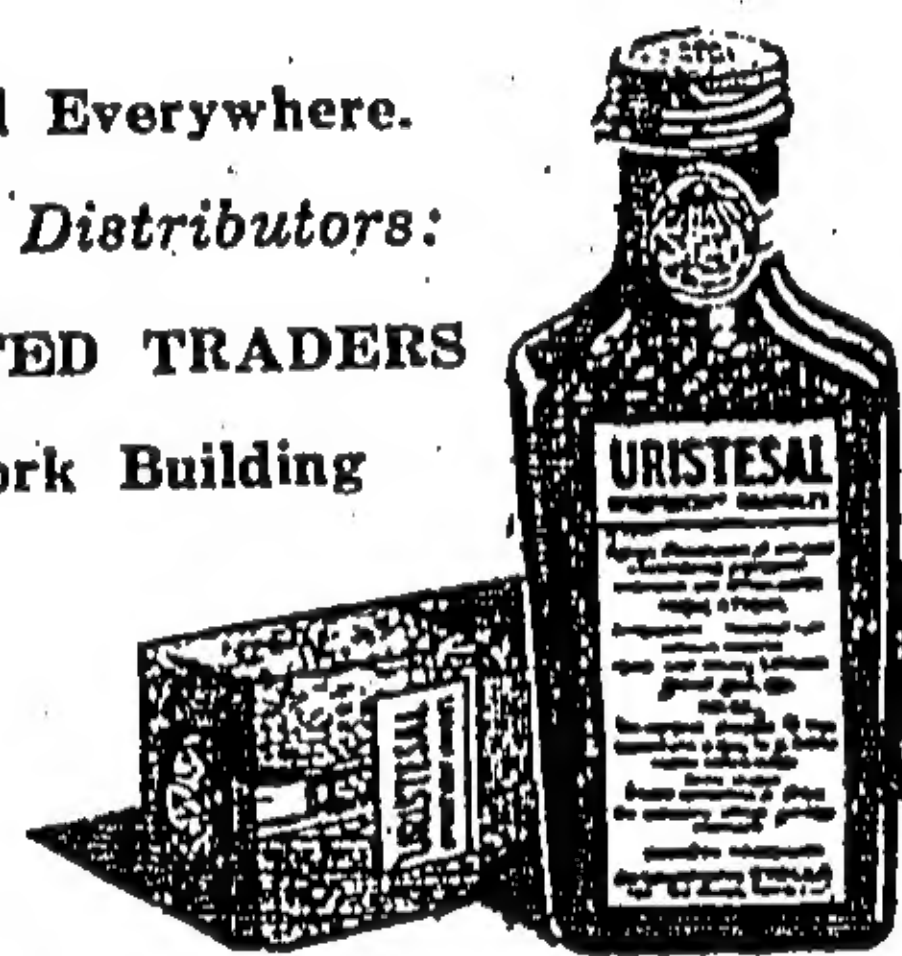
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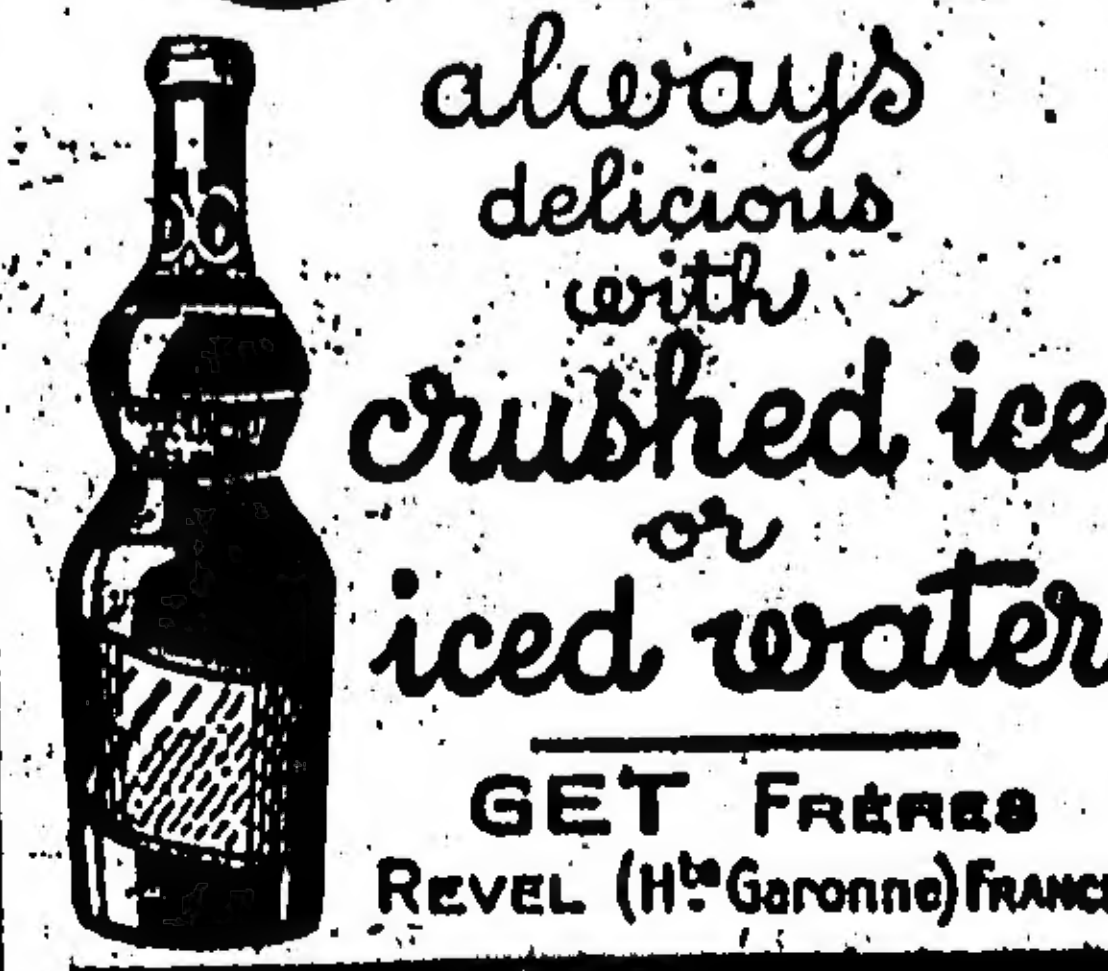
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Shanghai, To-day.

The Peiping "Provisional Government" has decided to impose similar export and exchange measures as are now in force in Tsingtao at Weiheiwei and Chefoo, the other main ports of Shantung.

The object is to maintain the exchange value of Federal Reserve Bank notes.

It is, therefore, necessary "to acquire export permits and to observe exchange regulations", meaning that foreign exporters must sell exchange acquired from exports to the Yokohama Specie Bank at an official rate which is considerably higher than the actual rate.

The Embassy spokesman maintains that no discrimination is being made between Japanese, Chinese and foreign exporters.

It is learnt, however, that two British vessels sailing from Chefoo to Shanghai were forced to leave without cargo as the authorities refused to grant export permits owing to refusal of foreign exporters to settle exchange through the Japanese bank.

This restriction is only being imposed at Tsingtao, Weiheiwei and Chefoo. Tientsin is not placed under these regulations, probably because with the foreign concessions, foreign banks are able to transact exchange business freely. — Trans-Ocean.

GOVERNMENT POLICY ON NEW CITY HALL

(Continued from Page 1)

gramme that the balance of about \$839,000 in the Government House and City Development Fund should go some way to meet the contemplated expenditure of the new Government House, but would certainly not be sufficient to meet it all. It was also demonstrated that there might be further receipts from the sale of the remainder of the old City Hall site and possibly other portions of the area covered by the original scheme; but the general principle of a self-contained scheme financed wholly from the proceeds of sales of land in that area no longer appeared practicable; accordingly it was proposed that the re-building of Government House, and the provision of other public buildings on the sites in question should be financed from revenue, and that the balance in the Fund should, as a preliminary, be transferred to revenue.

FORMAL SANCTION

"The intention to proceed at once with this plan was stated by the Financial Secretary in his Memorandum on the Financial Position published in connection with the estimates for 1939 and referred to also in his speech in Council introducing these estimates. The present bill is, therefore, only intended to give formal sanction to a plan which has already received the tacit approval of Council.

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re-development of the sites in question has been abandoned and it is proper, therefore, that the scheme designed to finance it should be declared as abrogated: it follows that the preservation of a fund created 'ad hoc' would not only serve no useful purpose it would actually be misleading.

"At the same time I have Your Excellency's authority for saying that the Government does intend in due course to provide a new City Hall for public use in the Colony.

THE RIGHT SITE

"One of the great difficulties, however, is to find the right site. Neither what remains of the old site nor the site suggested in the scheme now foregone is adequate in area or suitable in situation, and until more land is rendered available by the removal of the present buildings below Government House or in some other way, it is impracticable to proceed with the actual construction of a new City Hall.

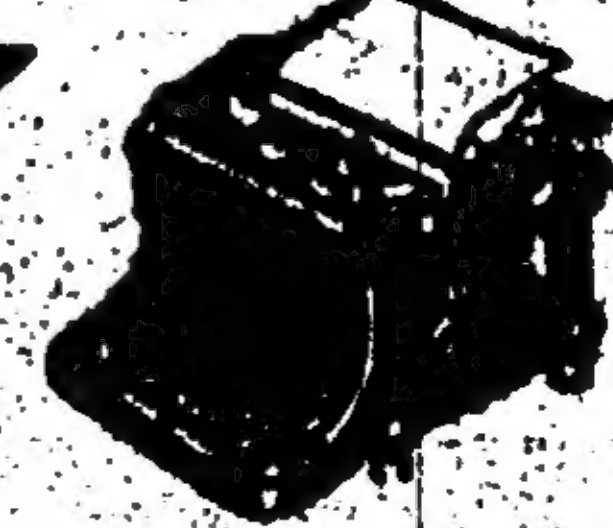
"That must be considered as part of a general scheme of re-planning of the area which is to be made available.

"It is pertinent to refer, in this connection, to the speech made in Council by the Honourable the Senior Member on 10th November when he indicated that the unofficial members supported the proposed building of a new Government House on the ground inter alia that it is an essential preliminary to the re-planning of this area.

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